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THE POST OFFICE APPROPRIATIONS.

UNFAIRNESS OF DEMOCRATS IN DEBATE—THE FRANKING PRIVILEGE—AGRICULTURAL REPORTS TO GO FREE—THE FINANCE BILL.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, May 20.—The Post Office Appropriation bill was debated in the House all day, and not concluded. The Democratic opposition to the bill was signally partisan and unfair. Mr. Holman, of Indiana, attempted to make political capital out of the increase of the present appropriation of three millions over the bill of last year, when he knew very well, as Mr. Tyner subsequently showed, that the increase was solely due to the execution, by the Postmaster General, of a law passed at the last session of Congress providing for the increased compensation to railroads for the transportation of the mails. This new law provides that the mails shall be transported according to weight, and gives the Postmaster General specific instructions for its execution. Fernando Wood reviewed the political discussion of yesterday, and told his old story about Republican extravagance and corruption, especially in New-York. Ellis H. Roberts replied to him with great effect, saying that if there was to be a contrast between the corruption of the two parties it might be necessary to take as type of the Democratic Party Fernando Wood himself, whom the Democrats had chosen as their candidate for Speaker of the House. Mr. Eldredge, of Wisconsin, (Democrat,) was conspicuously unfair in his discussion of the bill. He intimated that the Postmaster General was humbugging the country under the pretext of carrying out the new law relative to straw beds, and that none of the checks which had been deposited as a preventive against straw beds had ever been covered into the Treasury. In this Mr. Eldredge's partisan cant outran his sagacity, for as the new law does not go into effect until July 1, the Postmaster General can hardly be held responsible for not having declared forfeited money over which the law gives him no control for six weeks yet to come. The amendment of Judge Hoar, providing that the postage on the Agricultural Reports shall not exceed ten cents, gave rise to a short debate upon the abolition of the franking privilege. Mr. Shanks had the Hoar amendment amended by striking out ten cents and inserting one cent. An amendment providing that all printed matter shall go through the mails free was ruled out of order, but an amendment providing that the Agricultural Reports shall pass free through the mails was adopted. It was thrown out that newspapers go through the mails at a much less rate than documents, and that Agricultural Reports should go as cheap as newspapers.

THE SENATE FINANCE BILL IN THE HOUSE COMMITTEE.

The Committee on Banking and Currency this morning considered the Senate Finance bill by sections, and adopted the following amendments: In the second section they struck out the provision requiring the national banks to maintain as a reserve one-fourth of the coin received as interest on bonds of the United States, deposited as security for circulation or Government deposits. They also struck out the whole of the third section, which provides that banks shall keep their legal-tender reserves within their own vaults, and repeals the provisions of the National Banking act, which permit the redemption of money elsewhere than at the banks themselves. The committee voted to substitute for the eighth section forty per cent., instead of twenty-five, as the percentage of legal tenders that shall be retired. The final action upon this section was not, however, taken. Mr. Mitchell submitted an amendment providing for the withdrawal of twelve millions of legal tenders annually—one million each month—which was defeated by a vote of 5 to 6. An amendment will be presented to the committee to-morrow, proposing to substitute thirty-three per cent. for forty per cent., which the Senate inflationists express a willingness to accept. Several members of the committee have amendments, and it is very uncertain in what form the bill will finally be reported to the House.

THE SANBORN CONTRACTS—ILLNESS OF GEN. BUTLER.

The Sanborn contracts, contrary to announcement, were not discussed to-day. Gen. Butler, after a dinner party last night, was taken suddenly and seriously ill, and had a physician in attendance throughout the night. This is the second attack within ten days. This morning he sent a letter to Mr. Dawes, asking him to request the House to postpone the debate on the Sanborn contracts until he should recover, especially as he had withheld his speech upon the subject of moieties yesterday for this other subject, and for the further reason that even he, Benjamin F. Butler, could not control the issues of life and health. The House acceded to Gen. Butler's request, but it is now expected that the debate will certainly begin to-morrow.

CENSURE OF TREASURY OFFICIALS PROPOSED.

The Committee on Ways and Means this morning on this subject adopted the resolution offered by Mr. Kasson, of Iowa, censuring the Secretary, the Assistant Secretary, and the Solicitor of the Treasury for their official acts in connection with the execution of the Sanborn Contract law. The officers are not mentioned in the resolution by name. The first resolution visits upon these officers censure; the second directs the Clerk of the House to present a copy of the resolution to the President, together with a copy of the Sanborn report. Upon the first resolution the Democrats declined to vote. Subsequently all the members present, on the final motion, voted. There was a full committee, with the exception of Mr. William D. Kelley, who is absent from the city. Mr. Waldron, of Michigan, alone voted against the resolution. This resolution goes into the House with the report of the committee, and will be taken up by the House as a part of the subject matter of the debate. The resolution has been in contemplation by members of the committee for a long time, and has been much discussed privately. It has been held back from week to week, and it is a movement of such an unusual character that there has been really little expectation that it would be seriously considered. But having been once proposed, and the necessity of saying yes or no having been imposed on the committee, there was no other solution than its adoption possible. So, if it comes before the House in such form as to demand a vote, there are few who will have the courage to vote against the resolution.

CIVIL RIGHTS.

The Senate spent the day in discussing the Civil Rights bill, and the same subject seems likely to occupy the rest of this week, at least half a dozen Senators desiring to speak upon this bill. The speeches to-day were made by Messrs. Flanagan, Pratt, and Thurman, the first two favoring the bill as a measure of justice, and Mr. Thurman opposing it on what he deemed constitutional grounds, and predicting that the passage of the bill would break up the common school system and injure the colored man in many ways.

THE FINAL ADJOURNMENT OF CONGRESS.

The resolution of the House for the adjournment of Congess on the 22d of June reached the Senate to-day, and being in effect the same as that passed by the Senate on Monday, was agreed to on motion of Mr. Edmunds. So the day of adjournment is now fixed, and every effort will be made to have the business up by that time. An extension of a few days is, however, generally anticipated, but the 1st of July is likely to see the Capitol vacated for the Summer.

MISS GRANT'S MARRIAGE.

The wedding of Miss Nellie Grant to Mr. Sartoris, at the White House, will be celebrated to-morrow morning, at 11 o'clock. The party will leave here at 1:30 for New-York, and will sail immediately for England. The East Room has been repaired and decorated for the occasion. The number of invitations issued has been limited and will not exceed 300 in all, including many that were sent abroad and to persons who cannot be present. The number of guests will therefore be greatly less than 300. There have arrived in the city within a day or two many distinguished persons, who have been invited to the ceremonies, including Vice President Wilson, who came to-day. The Senate adjourned to-day to meet at 1 o'clock to-morrow, instead of the usual hour of 11.

THE MOIETIES BILL.

The bill to amend the Customs Revenue laws, known as the Moiety bill, was received from the House and referred to the Finance Committee. There had been talk among Senators privately of a motion to have it referred to the Committee on Commerce, but it was not made, and the bill went to the Finance Committee without discussion.

Dispatch to the Associated Press.

NOMINATION BY THE PRESIDENT.

The President sent to the Senate to-day one nomination, namely, John Pratt to be United States Marshal for New-Mexico.

CONFIRMATIONS.

The Senate in executive session to-day confirmed the following nominations: Louis Trager, Consul at Bonlogne, France; John Cockrem, Collector of Internal Revenue for the First District of Louisiana; Henry F. Bond, Indian Agent at the Los Pinos Agency, Colorado; George Lount, Receiver of Public Moneys at Prescott, Arizona.

AMENDING THE TARIFF.

The Committee on Ways and Means to-day, by a vote of 8 against 2, expressed themselves opposed to the restoration of the ten per cent. taken off the rate of duty on certain articles in the second section of the Tariff act of June 6, 1872. These articles are manufactures of cotton, wool, iron and steel metals, and manufactures of metals, excepting percussion caps, watches, jewelry, and other articles of ornament, paper and manufactures of paper, excepting unsized printing paper, books, and other printed matter not specifically provided for, manufactures of India rubber, gutta percha or straw oil-cloths, all descriptions of glass and glass-ware, leather, all manufactures of skins, bone, ivory, horn, leather, except gloves and mittens. In other words the committee are opposed to increasing the duty on the above-named articles, leaving them at the present rate. The restoration of the ten per cent. would increase the revenue about $8,000,000 annually, but the Committee on Ways and Means seem to think no such increase of the tariff necessary.

TREASURY BALANCES.

The balances in the Treasury at the closse of business to-day were: Currency, $10,160,367; special deposit of legal tenders for redemption of certificates of deposit, $56,005,000; coin, $83,858,324; including coin certificates, $36,069,400; outstanding legal tenders, $382,000,000.

MR. MELLISH.

Representative Mellish continues in a critical condition. He seems to be growing weaker, and generally rejects food. It is thought he is liable to die at any time from nervous collapse.

THE DURELL IMPEACHMENT.

The names of the six members of the House Judiciary Committee who voted in committee for the impeachment of Judge Durell, are: Butler, Poland, Wilson, White, (Republicans,) and Eldridge and Potter, (Democrats.) The four against impeachment are, Ward, Tremain, Frye, Cessna, (Republicans,) Jewett (Democrat) being absent.

NAVAL ORDERS.

Pay Inspector James Fulton has been ordered to duty as inspector of provisions and clothing at the Mare Island Navy-yard, relieving Pay Director E. C. Doran, who is placed on waiting orders.

GOV. MOSES NOT ARRESTED.

THE STATEMENT OF HIS SURRENDER DENIED—DISCHARGE OF THE TROOPS.

CHARLESTON, S. C., May 20.—The statement that Gov. Moses last night submitted to arrest turns out to be incorrect. He had concluded to yield, and had sent his carriage for an officer empowered to make arrests, but at the last moment changed his mind, and again refused to be arrested. This morning he obtained a warrant for the arrest of the Orangeburg Sheriff on a charge of attempting illegally to arrest the Governor, but the Sheriff had left Columbia. In Orangeburg this morning the State Solicitor reported the Governor's resistance to arrest, and inquired what steps the court would take to enforce its authority. The court replied that for the present it did not see its way clear to a successful fight with the State Militia, and further action would be held under advisement.

COLUMBIA, S. C., May 20.—All is quiet in the city to-day. The troops were discharged this morning. Gov. Moses was not arrested, but it is understood he will stand trial.

A DISASTER IN CINCINNATI.

FALL OF A BUILDING — SEVEN PERSONS BURIED.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, May 20.—Seven persons were buried in the ruins of the house at the corner of Perry and Central Avenues, which fell last night. They were Mr. Murphy, his wife, three children, and a servant girl, and Wm. Whittaker, a carpenter, who was passing on the sidewalk. The timbers of the house had been cracking and snapping all the afternoon, and after Mr. Murphy closed his store at 10 o'clock he concluded it was not safe to remain there over night, and the family were preparing to leave the house when it fell. Mr. Murphy received only a few slight bruises. Mrs. Murphy sustained severe cuts and bruises about the head and breast. A daughter, aged five years, died fifteen minutes after her removal from the débris. An older daughter was badly cut about the head and bruised about the body. The babe was uninjured. The servant was rescued about 1 o'clock this morning, having been held down on the cellar floor by a stove which fell upon her. It is thought that her injuries are not dangerous. Mr. Whittaker sustained a crushed hip and thigh and died this morning.

THE GRAND TEMPLE OF HONOR.

BOSTON, Mass., May 20.—The Grand Temple of Honor of Massachusetts held a semi-annual session in this City to-day. The report of the Grand Worthy Templar, Horace Wilson, states that two temples have been instituted during the past term, while one has surrendered its charter. Financially, the order is in a prosperous condition, and the reports of the deputies are very encouraging. There are now in the State forty-two temples.

MURDERERS RESPITED.

RALEIGH, N. C., May 20.—Gov. Caldwell has respited until the 19th of June, Blalock and Collins, colored men, sentenced to be hanged on Friday for a murder in Johnston County.

THE MILL RIVER DISASTER.

LIBERAL CONTRIBUTIONS SORELY NEEDED.

TWELVE HUNDRED HOMELESS AND DESTITUTE—$100,000 REQUIRED AT LEAST—NINE MORE BODIES RECOVERED.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

NORTHAMPTON, Mass., May 20.—The fourth night since the Mill River calamity was spent by the survivors in safety and comparative comfort. It is true that many of them had to sleep in barns and depots, on beds provided by the charitable. The majority were better situated, being housed by the hospitable neighbors as before. But these persons cannot long support their new dependents, so that the Relief Committee are anxiously looking for funds wherewith to provide for the stricken. They have received altogether from various sources, to date, $6,891. This, though a liberal sum to have been contributed in so short a time, falls very far below what is needed, when it is known that there are now in the valley 1,200 destitute and homeless people to feed and clothe, not for one day only, but until their future is decided upon. The press in different parts of the country had taken upon itself to say that what has been given is enough to cover the needs of the people. The statement is erroneous, and J. C. Armes, L. Bodman, and other members of the Finance Committee, desire the public to understand that the people must have, at least, $100,000 for immediate use. Clothes, provisions, and beds have been obtained and distributed through the district liberally, but only in quantities sufficient for each day's use. The future of their charge sorely vexes them now. The women, as usual, exhibit more fortitude than the men, and, instead of yielding to their sorrows, put forth praiseworthy efforts to improve the general condition, under the guidance of Mrs. James and other ladies.

THE CONNECTICUT LEGISLATIVE RELIEF COMMITTEE.

The committee from the Connecticut Legislature visited the valley to-day. Its members are Messrs. J. T. Rockwell, A. M. Perkins, H. A. Bulls, W. S. Chanby, J. B. Carrington, J. B. Ecclesides, and H. B. Steele. They lingered at every point of interest, and when they reached Williamsburg met the manufacturers and Selectmen at Mr. James' house, in company with Luther Bodman and L. B. Williams, of Northampton. Mr. Bills, on behalf of the committee, stated that the Connecticut Legislature had passed a resolution appropriating $10,000 for the relief of the villages. After what he had seen he thought it necessary to ask that $5,000 of the sum be forwarded to the relief committee at Northampton to-day for instant use. The other half of the appropriation will be forthcoming if needed. Mr. James put in a plea for the establisment of some method looking toward permanent relief for the operatives and young girls thrown upon the world. Mr. Skinner suggested that the girls should be supplied with clothing, of which they stood most in need, food being donated liberally at present. He thought that if the material was sent the girls they could fashion it to suit themselves. This view seemed to strike both committees favorably, and no doubt such a plan will be adopted, with the ladies to manage the details. The Connecticut committee, after a late dinner, returned to Springfield, with the exception of Mr. Bills and another, left here to see after the affairs of to-morrow, when the Mayor of Boston and his committee are expected to be here. The Finance Committee of Relief have mapped out to-morrow's work, merely augmenting the forces employed, and have prepared a protest against the attempt to belittle the necessities of the hour.

RECOVERY OF MORE BODIES.

This morning 1,500 men came from different places to work in the valley. Many were from the towns adjoining and Springfield. The former required no pay from this neighborhood, and those from the latter were employed by the authorities of Springfield, and supervised by the Superintendent of Streets in that place. Several of those who had been laboring since the disaster ceased to-day and were rewarded by the discovery of nine bodies—E. Hannan's child, of Leeds; Mrs. Jerome Hilman, Williamsburg; E. Mockler, Haydenville; Josephine Scully, Florence, and five unrecognizable from decomposition. One of them was believed to be Engineer Roberts, for whom one of the bodies recovered yesterday was mistaken.

PREPARATIONS FOR REBUILDING.

At Leeds, and in the meadows near it gangs were clearing off the débris. At Haydenville the hands continued their efforts to gather Mr. Hayden's property, and to prepare the ground for building. Mr. Joel Hayden has his engineer on the ground, actively mapping out the new foundry and shops. At Williamsburg the roads are being rendered passable for vehicles, and a corduroy bridge has already been laid across the creek above the ford. Laborers are digging out the ruins in Williamsburg.

PROSPECTS OF THE BUSINESS MEN.

Mr. James is determined to do some business as soon as he can, and there is a fair prospect of his being able to do so when the Legislature does its part toward the general reconstruction. Mr. Skinner does not think that he can ever have another factory at Skinnerville, although his friends and admirers offer to start him anew whenever he is willing to accept their aid. He spoke of his endowment policy, about which so much has been written in the local papers. It was for $100,000, and has ten years to run now. If he does not pay any more upon it until then, he will be entitled to $60,000; therefore, to use his own expression, the endowment will be of very little use to him in the present crisis.

THE CORONER'S JURY SWORN—THE INQUEST TO BEGIN ON MONDAY.

An inquest will be held on Monday, at this place, on the body of James Atkinson, of Williamsburg, one of the victims found to-day. A jury was summoned at Williamsburg to-day by the Coroner, Deputy Sheriff Ansel Wright, of this town. It is composed of George W. Hubbard, Silas G. Hubbard, Capt. Enos Parson, Dr. W. M. Trow, Hiram Nash, and John Mayher. These are considered the best men in this part of the country to be intrusted with the great duty attending this official investigation. The jurors went to the reservoir, and after inspecting the dam, adjourned to meet and take testimony at the Northampton Court-house next Monday.

PILFERING STILL CONTINUED.

The Police from Boston, Springfield, and Holyoke are stationed through the valley, but do not prevent pilfering as well as they ought. Mr. James, the cloth manufacturer, complains of his heavy losses through the petty thieving of persons down the stream. He has applied for a detective force to watch and arrest parties caught stealing. The watches have been set, and the valley is silent.

RELIEF FROM VARIOUS SOURCES.

Dispatch to the Associated Press.

BOSTON, May 20.—The Mill River relief fund in Boston now amounts to $10,000.

BUFFALO, N. Y., May 20.—The Directors of the American Express Company, at a meeting held here to-day, directed all contributions in money or other articles for the relief of the sufferers by the recent disaster near Williamsburg, Mass., be forwarded over their lines free of charge, and all their agents are directed to receive and forward such contributions.

DISPATCH FROM THE NORTHAMPTON FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The following patch was received last night in this City from Northampton:

To the Associated Press, New-York:

The impression has gone abroad that we have funds enough. Such is not the fact. Our actual receipts are $6,891. Our necessities will require over $100,000.

L. BODMAN,
Treasurer of the Relief Committee.

CONTRIBUTIONS IN AID OF THE SUFFERERS

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

We report the following liberal additions to the fund for the relief of the Massachusetts sufferers:

Reported in morning journals, May 20	$5,100	Heidelbach, Frank & Co.	$50
Vermilye & Co.	100	M. & S. Sternberger	50
Drexel, Morgan & Co.	250	Cash	5
Schafer Brothers	100	Stoller	2
J. & W. Seligman & Co.	100	Cash	10
Turner Brothers	50	Brinckerhoff, Turner & Co.	50
Cash	50	Sibbe, Chaffee, Shreve & Co.	50
Whittemore & Co.	50	Frederick T. Frey	100
Richard Irvin & Co.	50	Iveson, Blakeman, Taylor & Co.	100
Upman, Tucker & Co.	100	J. H. Day	50
Acker, Merrall & Condit	100	S. A. Irish	25
Jessup & Co.	5	C. G. Dobb	10
Rose, Campbell & Co.	50	Mrs. William Barre	90
Woodward, Baldwin & Co.	50	Mrs. William Barre, a package of clothing.	
J. & H. Anchincloss	50	J. Stimson, Bro. & Co.	50
W. W. Huntington & Co.	50	S. & M. Davidson & Co.	15
Aldrich, Iddings & Clifton	50	X. P.	50
E. H. Van Ingen & Co.	100	Barney, Raymond & Co.	50
D. H. Arnold & Co.	25	Weerhoffer & Co.	50
Lord Bros.	50	Kuhn, Loeb & Co.	50
Walter Brown, Son & Co.	50	Baldwin & Weeks	25
Howard, Sanger & Co.	100	Donnell, Lawson & Co.	50
Aziel Erdman & Co.	25	Kountz Bros.	50
L. T. H. (through N. Y. Times)	5	Henry Martier & Co.	25
John Munroe & Co.	100	J. B. C.	20
Lasell, Marah & Gardiner	50	Samuel Willets	50
		T. D., Sympathy	10
To al			$7,87d

All of which has gone forward to Luther Bodman, Esq., Treasurer of Relief Committee.

C. H. & T. D. BLAKE.
NOS. 79 AND 81 WORTH STREET,
NEW-YORK, Wednesday, May 20, 1874.

The following contributions have been made this day to assist in relieving the silk operatives rendered destitute by the recent disaster at Mill River, Massachusetts:

A. A. Low & Bros.	$100	Jos. N. Stearns & Co.	$100
A. A. Low	100	A. Soleliar & Son	25
Wm. Kyle	200	Silbermann, Heinemann & Co.	25
Wm. H. Fogg & Co.	100	J. Madiot	25
Wm. H. Smith & Son	100	Deppeler & Kammerer	25
Hadden & Co.	100		
Hamil & Booth	100		
Wm. Strange & Co.	100	Total	$1,100

A check for $1,100 has been sent to Wm. Skinner, Esq., Williamsburg. Other contributions will be acknowledged as received. Yours respectfully,

FRANKLIN ALLEN, Secretary—per H. W.
No. 93 DUANE STREET, New-York.

A MUTINOUS CREW.

A DRUNKEN AND DISORDERLY CREW MUTINY AND SET FIRE TO THEIR SHIP.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

BALTIMORE, May 20.—The ship King Phillip, Capt. Rawlins, of Port Gamble, Washington Territory, sailed from Baltimore Saturday with a cargo of coal for San Francisco. The crew were riotous when taken on, and were followed down the Chesapeake by boarding-house runners. On Monday morning, when the ship was off Sharp's Island, in the Chesapeake, flames were seen issuing from the hatchways, some of the crew having set fire to the cargo in the hold. The Captain and first mate, with the assistance of some of the crew not concerned in the conspiracy, extinguished the flames after two hours hard work, and orders were given to weigh anchor and go to sea. The majority of the crew mutinied and declared that they would not go on the ship, as she had been so damaged by fire as to be unseaworthy. After some parleying, the mutineers were overawed, and the ship was run across the bay to Annapolis Roads. A signal of distress was hoisted, and Admiral Worden sent from the Naval Academy a squad of marines, with an officer, who took charge of the ship. The mutineers were put in irons, and Capt. Rawlings came to Baltimore to-day and reported the facts to the Shipping Commissioner, who will go down to-morrow to investigate the affair. The second mate was the ringleader of the mutineers, and endeavored to persuade them to take possession of the ship. The whole trouble is charged to the boarding-house people and other land sharks, who put the men on the ship in a drunken condition and ready for mutiny. The vessel was not seriously damaged.

THE CUNARD STEAMERS.

THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE BOSTON STEAMSHIPS—A REDUCTION OF RAILROAD AND ELEVATOR CHARGES DEMANDED.

BOSTON, May 20.—An adjourned meeting was held to-day of the Conference Committees of the Boston Board of Trade and the Boston Commercial Exchange, who are considering the subject of the contemplated withdrawal of the Cunard steamers from this port. A series of resolutions were offered, and adopted after considerable discussion. They are as follows:

Whereas, It has been found in the experience of this mercantile community that the export trade of the city and State cannot be materially increased unless there are established more equitable rates of freight on merchandise from the interior of the country than usually prevails.

Whereas, This subject has been freshly and forcibly brought up at the present moment by the threatened action of the Cunard Steam-ship Company in relation to the sailing of its steamers from this port, as set forth by its agent in a letter now before this committee; and,

Whereas, It is believed the rates of freight from the interior to Boston can be established on the same basis as from the interior to New-York, and still leave to the transportation companies a fair margin for profit on the business; therefore, be it

Resolved, That this committee, representing the Boston Board of Trade and the Boston Commercial Exchange, do hereby earnestly request the Boston and Albany Railroad Company (which, with its connections, at the present time constitutes the main line of communication between Boston and the interior) at once to establish its rates of freight and guarantee of weights to and from Boston, and maintain them in good faith for at least one year, on the same basis that may exist from time to time, to and from New-York; and the committee ask that no printed tariff be taken as a guide for this arrangement but actual contracts.

Resolved, That this company is also hereby earnestly requested, in order to further facilitate this business, to reduce immediately its charges at its elevators to one cent per bushel for the first ten days, and one quarter of one cent per bushel for each ten days thereafter, including insurance.

Resolved, That this committee hereby call the attention of this company to the condition of the export business here two years ago, when the tariff of rates on merchandise for export was maintained for a time in good faith, on substantially the same basis as existed between the interior and New-York, and when the charges on grain at the East Boston elevator were what we now suggest there shall again be. It will be remembered that under this state of things business was limited only by the capacity of the elevator and supply of tonnage available. It is the opinion of this committee that under a like combination of freight rates and elevator charges, similar results will again follow.

THE SWING HERESY TRIAL—VINDICATION OF THE ACCUSED.

CHICAGO, Ill., May 20.—A vote was reached to-day in the Presbyterian Council engaged in the Swing heresy trial, and resulted in the triumphant vindication of the accused. The vote stood 15 for to 45 against conviction. The friends of Prof. Swing are jubilant.

In the Chicago Presbytery to-day, after the announcement of the vote acquitting Prof. Swing, Rev. M. Trowbridge gave notice that after the formal report of the finding was made, he would offer a resolution censuring the prosecution in the case, as was provided for in rules. Subsequently he withdrew the notice. Prof. Patton then gave notice that he would appeal the case to the Synod of Northern Illinois, and file his reasons therefor within ten days. The court then adjourned *sine die*.

THE M'COOK MURDER—WINTERMUTE'S TRIAL.

YANKTON, Dakota, May 20.—In the Wintermute case the forenoon was consumed in the discussion of questions growing out of the the claim by the defendant's counsel that in cross-examination of witnesses of the prosecution he could go into reports of meetings and other matters about which the witness had not testified in chief. This afternoon the examination of witnesses was continued, but no new facts were elicited. It is expected the defense will open to-morrow.

THE CONNECTICUT SENATORSHIP.

NEW-HAVEN, Conn., May 20.—The Legislature in joint convention this noon quietly elected William W. Eaton, Democrat, of Hartford, United States Senator.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

TESTIMONY OF A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF WORKS.

ADOLF CLUSS, THE ENGINEER MEMBER'S, EXPERIENCE—A CURIOUS HISTORY OF THE MEASUREMENTS.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, May 20.—The testimony given by Mr. Cluss, a member of the Board of Public Works, in the District investigation, is a general subject of conversation to-night. The opponents of the District Government claim that it proves corrupt actions upon members of the board and upon Gov. Shepherd. The advocates of the board explain the statements away as well as they can. All await with anxiety or curiosity the cross-examination which will be made to-morrow, and it is rumored, by Gov. Shepherd in person. Mr. Samo will take the stand in a day or two, and reply to the evidence of the Board Engineer, Blickensderfer, with some very interesting statements.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE.

Dispatch to the Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, May 20.—Adolf Cluss, the engineer member of the Board of Public Works, was examined by the District Committee several hours to-day. He testified that the organization of the board was such as would impede any engineer in the discharge of his duties; that the Vice President, against the protest of the Engineer's Office, was in the habit of detailing Mr. Oertley, an assistant engineer, and giving him private instructions with reference to measurements. Measurements were made by this assistant, not under his (witness') supervision, and he would not be responsible for them. He stated that he had nothing to do with the estimate on which a Government appropriation of $1,240,000 was based. It was made up by Oertley, and he (witness) never saw it until it appeared in print in the Governor's answer; nor would he be held responsible for the errors. Mr. Forsyth, who made a great many of the Government measurements, was nominally subject to his control, but did generally whatever Gov. Shepherd required him to do. Witness stated that although Oertley was one of his subordinates, he had not seen him in his office in a fortnight.

By Mr. Allison—Where is he?

A.—Making up a statement for this committee.

The witness stated that all the important contracts made were awarded without consulting him as engineer, and without his knowledge as a member of the board. The Vice President made the contracts. The minutes of the board were made up by the meeting—Mr. Shepherd on one corner, Mr. Willard on another, and Mr. Magruder on another—and agreeing to something, and calling it a meeting. I protested to Magruder once, and he said, "Well, they have agreed to a proposition which you oppose. There is a majority, and a majority rules." Such action was then entered, as a meeting of the board, and spread on the minutes. Whenever the Vice President sat down to write a contract, it was considered as a board meeting, whether any of the board but he were present or not. Some work was once proposed to be done which I considered unnecessary. It was said it must be done, as assessments were made out for the work. I asked to see the assessments, and was "bluffed" off. There have been many contracts let, and the men were at work on the streets before the Engineer Department was notified of the award. I consider cross sections as absolutely necessary, even in the simplest case. Where there were no cross sections, it was impossible to get at an accurate measurement of work done. The assessment sheet in advance of work done is for Ninsteenth street. I have made demands to see it, but up to this day it has not been forthcoming. Witness testified that Oertley made nearly all the measurements for John O. Evans. It was his (witness') duty to designate who should make measurements, but Oertley told him he was acting under Mr. Shepherd's orders, and he must not be blamed for what he did. He often did not see Oertley for a week. He would ask where he was, and found usually he was engaged on some Government measurements. There never was any vote passed officially by the board that designated to what contractor should be paid Government appropriations.

Question—Who measured the work of the Evans Concrete Company? A.—Mr. William Forsyth.

Q.—Who designated him? A.—I didn't.

Q.—Did you object to him? A.—I didn't know anything about the designation until the work was measured. This work amounted to about $1,000,000, and was certified to without my knowledge.

Q.—Have you ever discovered mistakes made by Forsyth? A.—Frequently. When I took charge I found an error made by him of 4,000 yards in the De Geiyer and McLellan measurement. He tried to bully me, and said his figures had never been questioned for twenty-five years, and should not be now. I told Gov. Shepherd, and he requested me to go over the work, which I did, and corrected the mistake. Forsyth made an excessive measurement to Frank M. Smith of 2,000 yards on the M street wood pavement. I corrected that measurement also. There was a case with another Smith, on B street, between Second and Third streets, an overmeasurement of 400 square yards. I insisted that another man be designated to make these measurements. I then secured Mr. Barney, a good man.

Q.—Did Mr. Forsyth make any measurements after that? A.—Not under my direction. He did under somebody else's, and measured Government work.

Witness then explained the discrepancy of certain grading on Massachusetts avenue. He said a final award of 105,000 yards was made. He thought 50,000 yards would cover all the grading done. The prices paid for flagging, witness thought, were too much. Contracts were frequently signed after work was commenced. It was the rule generally to have the contractors sign contracts, and then the board signed them at leisure in bulk. Witness testified that an average price for sewer work chargeable to the Government would be $2 70 per foot, instead of $4 70, as charged. Witness computed the cost of a good wood pavement laid in Washington at $2 49 per square yard. To this he would add twenty per cent, for profit. The board paid $3 50 per square yard.

Q.—Do you know anything about the grading on Fifteenth and Seventeenth streets, near the War Department? A.—The District has paid for the grading $31,085 40. The Government is charged $25,172. This is not an overcharge, but is incongruous.

Q.—Well, explain that. A.—Well, if you buy a horse for $500, and a man brings you a bill to pay for two mules at $250 each, you are not cheated. You pay the correct amount, but in a wrong way.

Q.—Is that the way the Government accounts have been kept? A.—It seems so.

Q.—Explain that again. A.—Well, you see, John O. Evans did the work. There was actually about 46,000 square yards. Evans was allowed about $1 per yard. Samo put it as 75,000 yards at fifty cents per yard; that is the way it was done.

Mr. Cluss was examined with reference to a tabular statement submitted by him. He also submitted the voucher of John O. Evans for Seventeenth street, where 19,000 yards of filling is charged at forty cents. He did so to show that the bill was in a different handwriting, and that when he signed the voucher he did not know these amounts were included. The figures are in the handwriting of Oertley. It would be Mr. Barney's duty to fill up the voucher, but Oertley, acting under special orders to measure John O. Evans' work, filled up these amounts, and Mr. Barney is not responsible for the same. The G street sewer cost $2,125. They have charged the Government $8,195 for the sewer. The grading on Maryland avenue, between First and Fifteenth streets, cost the board $85,418 56. The United States has paid $35,020 83.

Q.—How do you account for this? A.—I cannot account for it. I have taken the accounts, and made up the statement.

Q.—In North Carolina avenue the amount charged to the United States is $31,306 67. The cost to the Board is $9,821 70. How do you account for that discrepancy? A.—I cannot account for it. I have taken the records of the Engineer Office for the statement.

Q.—On Connecticut avenue the cost is $16,933 70. The United States has paid over $21,000. How is that accounted for? A.—I know no reason why it should be so. I have taken the records.

Q.—What do you know about filling the canal? A.—Not a voucher has been passed in the Engineer Office for filling up the canal. Very small quantities have been brought into the office. They will not amount to $1,000. Most of the earth came from the streets and avenues. Witness read from the journal of the Engineer's Office certain applications made by Albert Gleason for grading work on certain streets in the south-western and other portions of the city. He found that five days after this application was made Assistant Engineer Oertley, without the aid of instruments, rodmen, or anybody to help him, had made an estimate of all the streets, which was delivered to Mr. Gleason by order. The voucher is for $148,230 11. I asked Oertley how he did this, and he said I must not blame him as he was following out the Vice President's orders.

Q.—Who was Vice President then? A.—Mr. Shepherd. On looking this case up he found another voucher was passed, which was concealed from him for $75,000. Could not see how twelve streets could be measured in five days without instruments or rodmen or assistance of any kind.

Witness stated that Mr. Shepherd appointed all the Street Superintendents, that they had not been paid for several months, and they would generally sign anything as correct; that last Summer 140 Superintendents were employed, and that had they been appointed and controlled by the Engineer's Department, as they should have been, sixty good men could have done the work more satisfactorily. Witness considered Oertley a good engineer if he wanted to be, but he acted under orders. He did not think Oertley had been honest with the committee, that he had submitted tables which concealed the truth rather than state it. He thought the system of the board in keeping accounts very complicated, and it was difficult to make anything out of them.

Mr. Allison—I quite agree with you.

Witness resuming—Up to January last, from October, 1872, to January, 1874, there have not been more than eight meetings of the Board of Public Works. Contracts were generally awarded by Gov. Shepherd with one stroke of the pen without advising or consulting the board. Witness does not know why expensive pavements were constructed in uninhabited portions of the city. It was done without his being a party to it. He knew that expensive pavements had been laid in places where the wood would rot before being inhabited along the line. Witness testified that Dr. Gilbert, a contractor, got final measurements on work in course of progress, and then, after being paid, left for parts unknown.

Mr. Cluss will be recalled to-morrow.

TRIAL OF THE CRUSADERS.

TEMPERANCE LADIES TRIED FOR OBSTRUCTING THE SIDEWALKS—THE DEFENDANTS DISCHARGED.

CINCINNATI, May 20.—The forty-three temperance women who were arrested last Saturday were tried in the Police Court to-day. The court-room was crowded, and a great mass of people, unable to get in, waited outside the building. Hon. Stanley Matthews and Judge Hagans appeared as counsel for the ladies; the defence was conducted by the latter. Testimony was heard on both sides, and the case was submitted without argument. The charge was for violating a city ordinance by obstructing the sidewalks. Judge Marchant stated that there had been a technical violation of the law, but, in view of the lack of bad motive on the part of the defendants, he would dismiss them, which he did, with the admonition that, if the act was repeated, they would be liable to arrest and punishment. At the conclusion of the trial the defendants marched to the Ninth Street Baptist Church, where the leagues and committees were in session.

They afterward adjourned to the Seventh Street Presbyterian Church, where a prayer-meeting was held until nearly night.

Frequent remarks were made, but no definite course of action for the fusure was laid down. The temper of the meeting seemed to be in favor of the discontinuance of the mode of visitation in large numbers, and for the adoption of some new plan. One suggestion was of dividing the city into districts, and sending committees of two or three to visit persons in their homes and urge upon them activity in the enforcement of the Liquor laws. No conclusion was reached.

The Police Commissioners, anticipating a repetition of street visitations, remained in session all day. They ordered an address to be sent to the temperance leagues communicating the decision of the Police Court, and notifying the ladies to entirely discontinue what is termed praying and singing on any of the streets, lanes, alleys, spaces, or public grounds, and that all the authorities are requested to unite in aiding the Metropolitan Police force to carry out this order, the same being consistent with the decision of the Judge of the Police Court.

THE TURF.

NASHVILLE BLOOD HORSE ASSOCIATION.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., May 20.—This was the second day of the Spring meeting of the Nashville Blood Horse Association. The attendance was large and the track in fair condition.

FIRST RACE.—Johnston Stakes, all ages, dash of 2¼ miles; $50 entrance, play or pay. $300 added; closed with twelve entries and five starters.

Rice's ch. h. Wanderer.....1
Harding's b. f. Planchette.....2
Frank's b. c. St. George.....3
Gordon's ch. g. Jack of Trumps.....4
Lewis & Co.'s Joe Johnston.....5

Time—4:06½.

In the pools Planchette sold as the favorite, with Wanderer close up, and St. George as the third choice.

SECOND RACE.—Mile heats; purse $300.

Jackson's gr. c. Jean Valjean	2	1	1
Barry's br. c. Survoy	3	2	2
Alcock's ch. f. Chatterbox	1	3	dis.

In this race Jean Valjean was left out of the pools, Survoy selling for the first choice and

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

A LONDON DIRECTORY FOR AMERICAN TRAVELERS, FOR 1874. Containing the fullest information, in the best form, for reference respecting all that is valuable in connection with a visit to London. With an Appendix. By CHARLES E. PASCOE. Boston: LEE & SHEPARD. New-York: LEE, SHEPARD & DILLINGHAM. 1874.

We once heard the sad case of a New-York family, who, landing at Queenstown, journeyed from the Lakes of Killarney to the Giant's Causeway, Glasgow, Stirling, Edinburgh, York, London, and Paris, without succeeding in finding a barber. It was not till they reached Geneva that *paterfamilias* could get shaved. The distress of that family may be imagined, but it is consolatory to know that so direful an accident need not occur again. Mr. Pascoe has evidently supplied a much-needed volume, for in addition to a great deal of useful practical information of the kind most wanted and most frequently omitted from the guide books, he has given a very well-chosen list of London tradesmen, so that it will not henceforth be necessary to travel further than the English metropolis before enjoying a shave. We must caution the reader, though, that there are no "barbers" in Mr. Pascoe's list; but there are "hair-dressers," and they will probably be found to answer in the emergency. This "London Directory" is a most excellent little book, small, compact, easy of reference, and sufficient for all ordinary purposes. No traveler this year to Europe should go without it, and as we believe it is the intention of the proprietor to issue an edition annually, our remark will doubtless be as applicable next year as this. It gives instructions how to proceed from the first visit of the Custom-house officers at Liverpool till the stranger is intent upon sight-seeing in and around London. The "Hints to Americans," at page 47, are especially concise and complete, and will serve to help many through the difficulties that surround them in Great Britain. There is an estimate of the cost of the trip, information about hotels, cab fares, omnibuses, lodgings, railways, telegraphs, races, places of amusement, banks, churches, and many places of interest in and about the metropolis, with a quantity of minute details that are both valuable and interesting. The descriptions, for instance, of the Bank of England, a Queen's drawing-room, the British Museum, Windsor Castle, Westminster Palace, the Tower, Westminster Abbey, Christ's Hospital, the Temple, Westminster Hall, the "Fourth of June at Eton," &c., though brief, are well given, and will be found pleasant reading, independently of the instruction they offer to strangers. Travelers who provide themselves with this book will certainly find the mysteries and difficulties of the British metropolis very much diminished, and we do not think it can possibly mislead them, for although we have searched with some diligence we have failed to find a mistake.

THE OLD MASTERS AND THEIR PICTURES. For the Use of Schools and Learners of Art. By SARAH TYTLER. Boston: ROBERTS BROTHERS. 1874.

MODERN PAINTERS AND THEIR PAINTINGS. For the Use of Schools and Learners in Art. By SARAH TYTLER. Boston: ROBERTS BROTHERS. 1874.

As a preliminary aid to the correct understanding of the works of ancient and modern masters, these small volumes especially commend themselves to notice. The author is well qualified for the work of preparing them, and she has accomplished it with excellent judgment. The reader will have to bear in mind that they originally appeared in England—a fact which explains allusions not infrequent to pictures "in this country," but which, of course, have no existence in America. Neither book pretends to supply anything like an exhaustive account of the masters, either singly or collectively; but the selection is good, the various styles of art well defined with reference also to time and nationality, and the several memoirs are sufficiently full to convey an accurate and fairly complete sketch of the painters referred to. There is enough information supplied for the use of general readers, and none that should be deemed superfluous to be attained in any school of reasonable pretensions.

The volume we have placed first goes back to the early Italian art of the thirteenth century, beginning with Giotto and Andrea Pisano, and the second brings us down to the present day, the concluding chapter being devoted to American painters. In criticism, which in such a work is in a measure unavoidable, the author has relied less on her own judgment than upon that of a number of authorities of acknowledged merit. In this again she has acted with a wise discretion; for although well able herself to form an opinion upon works of art that would command respect, the books will no doubt receive more weight and credit for impartiality, in the estimation of many, by references to other authorities than if these had been omitted. The only exception that can, we think, be taken will be found to rest in the second volume, where some names are inserted which seem scarcely in place among modern painters, however high their position must be acknowledged in their own particular sphere; such, for instance, as those of Leech, Audubon, and even Doré will illustrate our meaning. For, although it is true that Doré has produced one or two paintings, just as many others have done whose names are unknown, his reputation certainly does not rest upon them, and there is little chance that his name will ever be remembered as that of a painter. But these are errors of a very venial kind, and they may readily be disregarded when we consider the great value of these volumes in the promotion of art education.

THE JUNE MAGAZINES.

—*Harper's Magazine* this month is the opening number of the forty-ninth volume, a fact which sufficiently marks the popularity of this serial. But long continuance has not lessened its merits. On the contrary the present number is unusually attractive, and the illustrations, always numerous and good, are particularly effective. Dr. Schweinfurth's African Explorations form the subject of another paper by Helen S. Conant, who has availed herself of it to give us a most interesting account of the Niam-niams, a curious tribe occupying territory between the fourth and sixth parallels of north latitude. But precedence over this is given to the first of a series of papers on Mexico by Bishop Gilbert Haven, under the title of "Our Nearest Neighbor." The impression the writer conveys will probably be more favorable as he advances more deeply into the subject. We have before noticed Gen. McClellan's papers on "Army Organization." The second now appears, in which attention is given to the Prussian service, its administrative branches and constitution, concluding with a general description of the various modes adopted in Europe for recruiting. These articles are written with considerable clearness and impartiality, and will be of much interest to a special class of readers. We must pass over an able paper on salmon-breeding and other contributions, including the continuation of the serials, to give place to a neat little satire by John Paul, very apropos just now, and entitled:

THE MAIDEN'S LAST FAREWELL.
In the Day of Cremation.

Then the night wore on, and we knew the worst,
That the end of it all was nigh:
Three doctors they had from the very first—
And what could one do but die?

"Oh, William!" she cried, "strew no blossoms of Spring
For the hearse apparatus might rust;
But say that a handful of shavings you'll bring,
And linger to see me combust.

Oh, promise me, love, by the fire-hole you'll watch,
And when mourners and stokers convene,
You will see that they light me some solemn, slow match,
And warm them against kerosene.

It would cheer me to know, ere these rude breezes waft
My essences far to the pole,
That one whom I love will look to the draught,
And have a fond eye on the coal.

"Then promise me, love"—and her voice fainter grew—
"While this body of mine calcifies,
You will stand just as near as you can to the flue,
And gaze while my gases arise.

For Thompson—Sir Henry—has found out a way,
(Of his 'process' you've surely heard tell,)
And you burn like a parlor-match gently away,
Nor even offend by a smell.

So none of the dainty need sniff in disdain
When my carbons floats up to the sky;
And I'm sure, love, that *you* will never complain,
Though an ash should blow into your eye.

Now promise me, love"—and she murmured low—
"When the calcification is o'er,
You will sit by my grave in the twilight glow—
I mean by my furnace door:

Yes, promise me, love, while the seasons revolve
On their noiseless axles, the years,
You will visit the kiln where you saw me 'resolve,'
And leach my pale ashes with tears."

—A large portion of *Scribner's Monthly* is again occupied by Mr. Edward King with the continuation of his able description of "The Great South." Here he considers "the South Carolina problem," "the spirit of transition," as he terms it; and he does so with boldness and impartiality. Not that the article is purely political. It is descriptive of scenery as well as of manners and life, and, like previous papers, it is well illustrated with a number of finely-executed engravings. The following, in a few words, displays very well Mr. King's idea upon one point of some importance in the consideration. He says:

"The negro is not especially anxious to see immigration come in. The spirit of race is strong within him. He is desirous of seeing the lands in the Commonwealth in the hands of his own people before the rest of the world's poor are invited to partake. He is impressed with the idea that South Carolina should be in some measure a black man's government, and is jealous of white intervention. This is not the sentiment, certainly, of the intelligent and refined colored people, but the mass are ignorant, and think that they are right in taking that stand. The black man lets the African which is in him run riot for the time being. He even dislikes to see the mulatto progress; and when he criticises him it is as if the mulatto were necessarily an inferior. So, too, the negro secretly dislikes the white adventurer, or 'carpet-bagger,' as our Southern friends call him. Black rogue has quickly learned from white rogue all he wishes to know, and now proposes to go alone."

Mr. Stedman's notice of Tennyson, begun in the last month's number, is continued, and sustains the character which justified the notice we then gave it. The friends of Mr. Thomas B. Aldrich will find an appreciative notice of him, together with a very fair portrait, and a few—too few and too short—quotations, that well illustrate the light yet charming nature of his verse. Most of the contents in this number, except the first, are of limited extent, but all are good, and some could well have been made longer. Among these a description of the "Gate of the Adirondacks" must certainly be included. It is written by Clifford P. MacCalla, in a genial, pleasant style, that contrasts most favorably with that often met with in papers upon similar subjects. There are also several attractive contributions in verse.

—In the *Galaxy* there are three papers which stand out with marked prominence. These are, one on Scandinavia, by Clemens Petersen; another, on the French Academy, by Albert Rhodes, and a third, on Richard Wagner and his Theory of Music, by Richard Grant White. The last is especially interesting at the present moment, when "Lohengrin" has won so many accessions to the list of Wagner's admirers among the musical circles of New-York. Mr. White's criticism is rigid, but just, and should be read if only to check the undue current of adulation which has broken in upon the operatic reformer here since his introduction at the Academy. An article by Olive Logan on "Voice Workers," another by an anonymous writer on "Clever Fish," and others of a lighter character, will be found pleasant, and withal useful, reading. The Scientific Miscellany is unusually complete, and some items under the head of "Current Literature" perhaps a little curious. But if it were only for the other articles we first mentioned this number must be considered fully equal to the best of its predecessors.

—In *St. Nicholas* we have a repetition of the same excellence that we have noted from month to month since the first issue, and which has won for this magazine a success and popularity unprecedented in the history of similar publications. In no respect, probably, is it more worthy of commendation than in the ability displayed by which instruction is united with amusement, and without any sacrifice of attractiveness. In the present number there are several articles where this feature is prominent, as, for instance, a memoir of Sir Isaac Newton, with anecdotes, under the title of a "Nice Old Gentleman;" a description of wrecking, diving and the means employed for raising vessels from the bottom of the sea, written by W. H. Rideing, and an account by M. E. Edwards of the Jardin d'Acclimatation, at Paris, with illustrations of elephant riding and an ostrich in harness. Then there are serials by J. T. Trowbridge, F. R. Stockton, and Olive Thorn; poetry by John Hay, Mrs. Dodge, and Lucy Larcom, and a large number of excellent short stories, besides the usual amount of matter pleasing to children, which we cannot enumerate under either of these heads, but which they generally look for with much interest. The illustrations, some thirty or more in number, are all that can be desired, but there are two especially striking on page 442 and the following. Apart from the intrinsic merits of these, they show how much effect may be obtained with very slight work. As sketches their value in this respect should not be lost sight of by the young draughtsman, to whom they convey a good practical lesson.

—The *Aquatic Monthly*, (Brentano,) the only publication in the United States which is devoted exclusively to promoting yachting and rowing, comes to us with more than usual interest at this time, when these sports are about to occupy a large share of attention. Turning from the large amount of news of the proceedings of the various rowing clubs which it contains, there is a letter among the yachting matters which deserves attention, renewing, as it does, the proposal for a series of Corinthian matches this year. The writer discusses the question whether such races are possible in this country, although he seems to feel that it was almost superfluous to do so. Of course they are possible, and we do not doubt that they would ultimately prove extremely useful, as well as productive of much enhanced pleasure to the yachtsman, and we should like to see the suggestion adopted. This monthly is a necessity to all boating and yachting men who aim to be something more than that in name only.

—This month's *Atlantic* ends the thirty-third volume, and in it are appropriately brought to a conclusion the two novels that have been followed with entertainment for some time—"Prudence Palfrey" and "Mose Evans." The concluding paragraph in Mr. Baker's work is well calculated to excite a new interest. We wish it had been penned with a better discernment of the values of "will" and "shall." The first paper in this number, however, is another chapter of autobiography from the pen of Robert Dale Owen, being a description of "Naples, her volcano, her people, and her Kings," and is thoroughly characteristic of the author's style. It describes incidents in what is now the olden time—before the consummation of Italian unity—and ending with "Milano's" attempt upon the life of Ferdinand. Another article fully as characteristic—one, too, which will probably receive earlier attention at the hands of most readers—is entitled "A Rebel's Recollections," by George Cary Eggleston. It is introductory, we take it, of others to come, and if so it leads the way to a piece of historical writing which promises to be exceptionally interesting. Most friends of the *Atlantic*—all, probably, except the most determined admirers of romance and serial stories—will be very likely to regard this an unusually good number on the ground that the several contributions are in themselves complete. "Larcom's Little Chap" is the title of a good story by James T. McKay, of the style and length which it is rare to find as good. There is also an excellent paper on the "Growth of the Novel," by G. P. Lathrop; one by J. C. Layard on "Morphine," wherein the author describes how for ten years of his life he lived a dream-like existence under the influence of opium; and an amusing one on "Modern Cats," by J. W. De Forest, who does sound justice to those often much-abused animals, and does it too with much geniality and the development of a great deal of information.

—The most attractive of the novelties in *Lippincott's Magazine*, this month, is the first of two papers on the Schuylkill Valley, with some very charming illustrations of some of the principal scenes in that locality. The writer dwells with some pride, and a little just criticism, on the inspirations which Tom Moore once drew from the same neighborhood, and then goes on to give us one of the brightest, prettiest pictures of the Schuylkill that we have seen for some time, though, it must be confessed, the interest is much heightened by the excellence of the accompanying engravings. "A Call on a Bonze," by W. G. Griffis, is a brief account of a visit to a Buddhist Priest in Japan, and is but an addition to the many sketches that have for a long time past been drawn up upon us from visitors to the far East. Another contribution of similar kind is Anthony Trollope's "Social Life in Rome at the Present Day." But if both of these partake a little of the style of the special correspondent, there is much in the serial contents of this number to make amends. "Malcolm" is continued with increasing interest, and promises to be one of the best novels of the day. The "New Hyperion," and Doré's illustrations go on with well-sustained force, and Sarah W. Kellogg completes her "Life as a Book Agent," which we commended last month, and must commend again. It is a spirited realistic picture of experiences, which doubtless many will be able to indorse.

—The *Popular Science Monthly* (Appleton's) discusses several topics which are just now of most prominent interest. Two phases of the education question are considered—one, the scientific and industrial side of it, by Dr. Andrew D. White; the other, in its relation to sex, by Dr. Henry Maudsley. The former, in his sketch of the history of scientific education, makes a serious mistake in his estimate of the position held and the work done by the University of London, whose degrees in science are held to be the highest in Great Britain, and as such are generally esteemed throughout Europe; but his paper contains many suggestions which are of value. Dr. Maudsley gives an able review of the subject that has recently created so much excitement among a few in consequence of Dr. Clarke's able work, *Sex in Education*. He discusses it calmly and impartially, and his observations will command the sympathy of all but the most prejudiced. We find also here a translation of Fernand Papillon's paper in the *Revue des Deux Mondes* on nostalgia, to which attention was directed in the columns of THE TIMES some time ago. In a brief contribution by Dr. George Bayles, a suggestion is made for the disposal of the dead by means other than either cremation or inhumation. The writer seems to think that dead bodies might advantageously be petrified, or calcified, then reduced to powder, and either preserved or "scattered to the winds of heaven." The reply to such a suggestion is very obvious, but the paper is worth notice if only as an example of the varied character of the discussion that Sir Henry Thompson's proposal has given rise to. A paper from the *Comptes Rendus*, by M. A. Hatzfeld, on "A New Process for the Preservation of Wood" merits the attention of those who are practically interested in the construction of railroads, telegraphs, and other mechanical works, although the proposition made is not new. The writer merely renews the idea of injecting a tannate of iron into the tissues of the wood, a process long since tested, and whose value has been proved, although not, perhaps, its superiority over other plans. Mr. Hatzfeld tells us that the iron-salt is being largely used in France by the Directors of the Railway of the East and the administration of the national telegraphs. The most noteworthy of the other articles in this number is one by Dr. Charles V. Riley on "The Grapevine Pest"—*Phylloxera*. It is copiously illustrated; gives a very clear description of the subject, which is one of increasing importance in wine-growing districts; and contains an enumeration of the most efficient remedies. We must pass over the remaining contents, which, however, are full of interest, although less immediately applicable. Some suggestions on "Responsibility in Mental Disease" are, perhaps, exceptional to this remark. They are well worth careful perusal.

—The *Catholic World*, although specially intended for members of the Catholic Church, contains much that is well adapted for general reading, and nothing that is in any degree offensive to the Protestant mind, however much we may differ from it. An article on "Public Worship" is a well-written commentary on the changes that have been wrought of late years in the practice of the Protestant churches, which may be read with instruction; as, too, another—"The Female Religions of America"—which is replete with curious information. "A Glimpse of the Green Isle" is a very well drawn sketch, whose nature is sufficiently indicated in the title, and apart from other separate papers of a similar character there are several well-selected serial stories, which add to the interest of a magazine that fairly claims to occupy one of the highest places in the Catholic literature of the country.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

Spring Floods. New-York: H. Holt & Co.

Little Trix. New-York: R. Carter & Brothers.

Alice. Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott & Co.

The Disowned. Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott & Co.

Hymns and Songs of Praise. New-York: Anson D. F. Randolph & Co.

The Science of Homeopathy. New-York: Boericke & Tafel.

Lives of the Chief Justices of England, Vol. III. Boston: Estes & Lauriat.

My Visit to the Sun. New-York: James S. Burnton.

Out of the Hurly-Burly. New-York and Philadelphia: "To-day" Publishing Company.

Trial of Emil Lovenstein. Albany: W. Gould & Son.

Compound Engines. New-York: D. Van Nostrand.

A Golden Sunset. New-York: R. Carter & Brothers.

WORCESTER IN PERIL.

The Worcester (Mass.) *Spy* of Tuesday makes this assertion: "The North Pond dam in this city, which confines a body of water twice as large as that which wrought such havoc in the villages of Hampshire County, was pronounced unsafe eight years ago by Mr. Francis, of Lowell, one of the most eminent hydraulic engineers in New-England. Six years ago, on complaint made to the County Commissioners, they condemned and ordered it to be removed, but, owing to an informality in the proceedings, or for some other reason, this order was not enforced. Later the Commissioners, after another hearing, ordered that the pond should not be raised above a certain level, which, it was thought, might be safely maintained, and that order has been in force ever since. The dam is notoriously insufficient to hold the water at a greater height with imminent risk. Yet it is a fact that the pond has lately been allowed to fill, and was full on Saturday last. The city has acquired the right to use the water from this pond, and the gates are under the control of the City Government. It is not a pleasant reflection that at the very time when the fierce torrent was devastating that peaceful valley in Hampshire County, a monster more powerful and equally pitiless was crouching at our own doors, ready to spring upon and rend the defenseless and unwarned people, and that our own city officers had weakened the bars of its cage so as to make its escape, with all its inevitable horrors, not only possible, but even probable. The fall between the dam and Lincoln square is seventy feet. That immense volume of water rushing down that swift descent through the narrow valley must unavoidably cause a destruction of life and property far beyond that which has desolated the valley of Mill River. The water is now, we understand, drawn down, so that no immediate danger is to be apprehended. We cannot use any milder term than criminal recklessness in stigmatizing the mismanagement which has exposed the city to the great peril from which it has so far happily escaped.

FRENCH POLITICIANS IN TROUBLE.

A few weeks since the jury of the Court of Assizes of the Seine found MM. Raspail, father and son, guilty of having, in an Almanac published by them, eulogized deeds qualified as crimes by the law, and the elder was condemned to two years' imprisonment. The Judges, in pronouncing that penalty, had acted on the fact that he had been previously convicted, although since that time amnesties had relieved him from all liability. The Court of Cassation annulled the sentence *ex parte qua*, that is to say, only so far as regards the amount of punishment inflicted, and sent the accused before the Assizes of the Seine-et-Oise. The affair came before that tribunal on April 30, M. Henriquet, Judge of the Paris Court of Appeal, presiding. After an hour's deliberation a new sentence was pronounced—one years' imprisonment and a fine of 1,000 francs.

GERMAN ULTRAMONTANES.

The number of members of the Mainzer Katholiken-Verein, (says the Cologne *Gazette* of May 3,) amounted for the year 1872-73, according to the *Mosel Zeitung*, to the following: For the Grand Duchy of Baden, 2,328; Kingdom of Bavaria, 4,452; Grand Duchy of Hesse, 2,462; in the circuit of Treves, 4,298; of Coblenz, 4,616; of Aix-la-Chapelle, 5,603; Cologne, 5,533; of Dusseldorf, 25,966; of Munster, 8,439; of Minden, 2,449; of Arnsberg, 10,668; in the Province of Saxony, 618; in Nassau, 2,763; in the Province of Hanover, 4,507; in Hesse, Cassel, and Weimar, 391; Berlin, 431; West Prussia, 146; East Prussia, 284: Kingdom of Saxony, 307; Kingdom of Wurtemberg, 535; various, 144: total, 87,840 members.

FORTY-THIRD CONGRESS.

FIRST SESSION—May 2[illegible]

SENATE.

EXPORTATION OF SPIRITS.

The Conference Committee on the "bill to facilitate the transportation of distilled spirits in bond," reported a substitute which provides that, instead of the exportation bond now required by law, the producer may give a transportation bond for the delivery of the spirits on shipboard at a designated port of export, which shall be cancelled on the receipt of a notification from the Collector of said port that the actual exporter had given a bond for their delivery in a foreign country, &c. This bond shall be cancelled upon the presentation of satisfactory proof and certificates that the spirits have been landed at the port mentioned in the bill of lading, or at any other port in the United States, or have been lost at sea without fault of the owners. The export stamp-tax is to be reduced from twenty-five to ten cents per package. The House sections making an allowance of two per cent. for leakage, and providing a general system of relief in case of the destruction of the spirits while in transit, are stricken out. The bill was laid over till to-morrow.

THE BALTIMORE AND OHIO RAILROAD IN WASHINGTON.

Mr. JOHNSTON, of Virginia, called up the bill to authorize the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company to construct a branch, and to change the location of its road within the District of Columbia.

Mr. DAVIS, of West Virginia, explained the provision of the bill, and after brief debate it was laid over till to-morrow.

THE CIVIL RIGHTS BILL.

The morning hour having expired, Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN, of New-Jersey, moved that the Senate take up the Civil Rights bill.

Messrs. STOCKTON, SAULSBURY, and MCCREERY objected, and asked that consideration of the bill be postponed until the return of Messrs. Stevenson, Bayard, and others, who were necessarily absent, and who desired to speak upon it.

Upon a division a majority voted to take up the bill.

Mr. SAULSBURY called for the yeas and nays, and said he desired to put on record those Senators who favored the consideration of a measure when other Senators who desired to speak upon it were absent. He thought the dominant party in the Senate, which fixed up the order of business in caucus, should have some respect for the minority, and not refuse to extend the courtesy to absent Senators of allowing them to express their views.

Mr. HAMLIN, of Maine, said he was glad to have an opportunity to record his vote in favor of taking up a bill which had been discussed to the greatest extent year in and year out.

The motion to take up the bill was agreed to—Yeas 37, nays 13.

Mr. FLANAGAN, of Texas, addressed the Senate in favor of the Civil Rights bill.

Mr. PRATT, of Indiana, also spoke in favor of the bill. He argued that it was the duty of Congress to so legislate that every right of citizenship should be secured to the black man. He thought the bill was justified in providing such severe penalties that it would be obeyed. The bill did not necessarily lead to mixed schools. Where the colored people are numerous enough they will prefer to have schools of their own, and are not prohibited from doing so by the bill. But in villages it would be impracticable to have separate schools. The colored race constituted one-eighth part of the population of this country, and the two races must live together in harmony. The whole argument against this bill began and ended in prejudice. Why should it exist in this country and not in Europe. In conclusion, he argued that the passage of the bill would do much to annihilate that prejudice, as people would then accustom themselves to obeying the law and freeing themselves from prejudice.

Mr. THURMAN said he knew the bill was to pass, though not because of its merits. He did not believe that one-third of the Senate, if left uninfluenced by outside pressure, would vote for the bill. There were 800,000 colored votes in the United States, and their demands had more power in this chamber than the Constitution of the United States itself. If the fate of this measure depended upon its own merits, it would require very little ability to show that it should not pass. He argued at some length as to the constitutional power of Congress, and said this bill did not propose to deal with the State, but it dealt with individuals, so that the States could provide punishments to secure civil rights, and the Federal Government, by this bill, could seize the citizen and punish him a second time. In the State of Louisiana, for instance, every offense mentioned in this bill was punishable by State law, yet it was proposed to have a second punishment by the strong hand of the Federal power. The effect of the bill would be to break up the common school system, and the result would be that both white and colored children would go without education.

FINAL ADJOURNMENT.

The resolution of the House providing for an adjournment of this session of Congress on the 23d of June was received, and, on motion of Mr. EDMUNDS, was agreed to.

THE NAVAL APPROPRIATIONS.

Mr. Sargent, Mr. Morrill, of Maine, and Mr. Davis were appointed members of the Committee of Conference on the part of the Senate on the Naval Appropriation bill.

The Senate, on motion of Mr. WEST, proceeded to the consideration of executive business.

At 5 o'clock the doors were reopened, and the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FIXING THE FINAL ADJOURNMENT.

Mr. DAWES, of Massachusetts, asked to have the Senate resolution for final adjournment taken up and passed.

Mr. KASSON, of Iowa, said he must object until some disposition has been made of bills affecting Western interests.

Mr. GARFIELD, of Ohio, moved to go to the Speaker's table and take up the resolution.

The Speaker said that while the resolution itself was a privileged question, the motion to go to the Speaker's table was not.

Mr. CESSNA of Pennsylvania, Mr. DUNNELL of Minnesota, and others objected.

Mr. DAWES then offered, as a privileged question, a resolution similar to that passed by the Senate.

Mr. COBURN, of Indiana, moved to adjourn. Negatived.

Mr. KASSON, of Iowa, moved to lay the resolution on the table. Negatived—yeas 67, nays 126.

The resolution was then agreed to—yeas 143, nays 49.

THE SANBORN CONTRACTS.

Mr. FOSTER, of Ohio, called up the report on the Sanborn contracts.

Mr. DAWES announced that he had received a letter from his colleague, Gen. Butler, stating that he was ill in bed; that he desired to speak upon the system of moieties in connection with this report, and asking as a favor that the committee would consent to postpone the discussion until to-morrow.

Mr. DOSTER said if this were a matter personal to himself he would consent at once, but as it was a matter of great public interest he preferred to take the sense of the House.

On motion of Mr. DAWES the postponement was agreed to.

THE POST OFFICE APPROPRIATION BILL.

The House then, at 12:30, went into Committee of the Whole on the Post Office Appropriation bill, Mr. Parsons, of Ohio, in the chair.

Mr. HOLMAN, of Indiana, criticised the remarks of Mr. E. H. Roberts at the close of the debate yesterday in regard to the Republican Party. He called attention to the fact that the aggregate amount appropriated by this bill exceeded the appropriation for the same purpose last year by $3,224,224. He commented upon the system of awarding bids for mail contracts, and referred to the exorbitant rates charged by railroad companies for the transportation of the mails.

Mr. LAWRENCE, of Ohio, asked him what remedy he would apply. His own remedy would be to prescribe rates.

Mr. HOLMAN replied that that was the true remedy. Congress was the only power that could restrict those railroad companies and prescribe reasonable rates for the performance of a public service.

Mr. LAWRENCE asked him whether he would vote for a proposition prescribing such rates, and if so, how many of the members on the Democratic side of the House would do it?

Mr. HOLMAN replied that he would, and he presumed that no Democratic member would refuse to do so.

Mr. WOOD, of New-York, also took up the theme of Mr. Roberts' remarks on the Republican Party, and a political debate of some duration ensued, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Randall, and others participating.

Mr. TYNER, of Indiana, who had charge of the bill, declined to be drawn into the discussion of a subject not relevant to the bill, but he proceeded to reply to some of the strictures made upon the bill by Messrs. Holman and Wood. He accounted for the annual increase of expenditures in the Post Office Department by stating that while that increase only averaged seven per cent., the increase of business averaged ten per cent. He denied that the compensation paid to railroads for carrying the mails was too great. On the contrary, he showed, taking the Erie Railroad as a criterion, that the mails were carried at a less rate per pound than second and third-class freights.

This closed the general debate, and then the bill was regularly considered by paragraphs.

Mr. R. B. ROAR, of Massachusetts, moved an amendment providing that the postage on each copy of the Agricultural Report shall not exceed ten cents. He advocated the proposition, and gave the Post Office Department as his authority for the statement that that rate of postage would fully defray the expense to the department.

Mr. SHANKS, of Indiana, moved to amend the amendment by making the postage on the Agricultural Report one cent. Agreed to—94 to 46.

Mr. MILLS then moved to amend Mr. Hoar's amendment by making the Agricultural Report free of postage.

Mr. BLAIR, of New-York, begged members who were in favor of the restoration of the franking privilege to do it by a straightforward vote. He himself had been opposed to the abolition of the franking privilege, but he would not, under the guise of favoring a particular interest, help to do indirectly what the House failed to do directly.

Mr. FOSTER, of New-York, thought it might as well be made free of postage as to have one-cent postage imposed on it. He had favored the abolition of the franking privilege. He thought it a great deal better and fairer and juster to have these books delivered at cost price to those who want to buy them. A bill for that purpose was now pending in the Senate. If there was any class of the community which ought not to be favored in regard to postage, it was the agricultural class, which was better able to pay postage than any other class. He was glad to see this proposition, for he thought it was the entering wedge to getting all public documents sent through the mails free of postage.

Mr. SHANKS, of Indiana, suggested that the time for objecting to the proposition was when it was introduced last Monday. The postage on the Agricultural Report was now from thirty-six to forty cents, and there was as much reason for opposing the reduction to ten cents as the reduction to one cent.

Mr. GARFIELD, of Ohio, regretted that the proposition had been made, and asked the House to consider in what ridiculous attitude it would be presented in selecting one of the dozens of documents published by Congress and making an exception in its favor, and for the sole reason that the farmers ought to be made a specially-favored class. He represented as many farmers in proportion to the whole number of his constituents as any other member in the House. He would not insult the intelligence of his constituents by saying to them, "We treat you as a lot of paupers that come here and ask peculiar privileges in the mail." If a school-master received the report of the Bureau of Education, he had to pay forty-two cents postage for it, and if a miner received the Geological Report he had to pay fifty cents for it; but the farmer would have to pay only one cent. for the Agricultural Report. He asked the House, as a matter of fair, manly justice, whether it would, in this indirect way, vote to restore the franking privilege.

Mr. G. F. HOAR replied to Mr. Garfield, and defended the proposition as exactly right.

Mr. MYERS, of Pennsylvania, also took the same position, and charged Mr. Garfield with having voted against the propositions to extend the same privilege to other public documents. He (Mr. Myers) had voted against the humbug of abolishing the franking privilege, for he believed that it would not effect any saving to the Government, and it had not done so.

Mr. CONNOR, of Illinois, favored the amendment, and argued that the postage on newspapers was now very much less than the postage on public documents.

Mr. SMITH, of Ohio, opposed the amendment, claiming to be the only practical farmer in the House. He scouted the idea that the farmers of the country, the most numerous and the richest class of the people, wanted this small pittance of benevolence and favoritism. This document was to be distributed among their constituents. He begged the House not to put this insult on the farmers of the country.

Mr. COX, of New-York, twitted the last speaker as a farmer "pure and simple," and intimated that he (Mr. Smith) had held office for the last fifteen years, and was ready to come back to Congress by the aid of the farmers. He was in favor either of maintaining the abolition of the franking privilege *in toto*, or of breaking it down *in toto*.

Mr. ELDREDGE, of Wisconsin, denounced the abolition of the franking privilege as a piece of the most consummate demagogism and humbuggery that was ever got up, and he charged the Postmaster-General (who was occupying a seat on the floor) with having got up the public sentiment which led to it.

After further discussion by Mr. Wilson, of Iowa, Mr. Hereford, of West Virginia, and Mr. O'Brien, of Maryland, the amendment offered by Mr. Mills, making the agricultural report free of postage, was adopted by a vote of 110 to 68, and then Mr. Hoar's, proposition, as thus amended, was agreed to.

THE PENSION APPROPRIATIONS.

Without getting through the bill, the committee rose, and Mr. O'Neil, of Pennsylvania, from the Appropriation Committee, reported the Pension Appropriation bill, appropriating about $30,000,000.

The House then, at 5:15 P. M. adjourned.

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

A stated meeting of the Board of Education was held yesterday, President Neilson in the chair. After disposing of a voluminous batch of unimportant communications and petitions, the report of the City Superintendent for the month of April was read. It stated that the number of classes examined during the month was 327, 183 of which passed as excellent, 131 good, 20 fair, and 3 indifferent, these latter being connected with Primary Schools Nos. 6 and 39, and Male No. 37. The days of absence among the teachers was averaged at 1,850. The report closed with a recommendation that an investigation be made to determine the cause of inefficiency in the three schools whose examinations were not satisfactory.

A communication from William A. Wilkins, who holds a chattel mortgage amounting to $37,489 40 on the primary school at West Farms, Fordham, was read, notifying the board that unless the same was paid within twenty days a foreclosure would be ordered.

In response to a communication from Controller Green requesting a list of the premises leased for common schools, the rent, term of lease, and whether all were required for the purposes designated, the Committee on Buildings, to whom the matter was referred, submitted their report. The committee found that all the premises leased were actually necessary for use. The committee to whom was referred the matter of a memorial to the late Prof. Agassiz, reported that the by-laws disqualified the Professor from such action from teachers and scholars, and in consideration of this fact begged to be excused from further action in the matter. Their request was granted. Jeremiah Rogers was appointed Trustee of the Third Ward School, vice David Hollis resigned. The Committee on By-laws reported that an investigation by them disclosed the fact that there are at present about 165 teachers drawing salaries, but not assigned to any specific duty, and in some cases entirely inactive; and that the number of teachers in several of their schools exceeded the average. To provide a remedy for this the committee presented for the consurrence of the board an amendment to article 12, section 33, of the by-laws, that whenever the number of teachers exceeded the number of classes in any school, those whose services are not required be transferred to schools where they may be needed. A lengthy discussion took place relative to the immediate adoption of the amendments, pending which President Neilson stated that the united salaries of the unemployed teachers cost the City $100,000 a year. Several members were of the opinion that the immediate adoption of the amendment was requisite to economy. It was finally adopted, as was also the suggestion of the same committee that the office of Vice President of the Normal School be abolished after the 15th of September.

The Finance Committee who were appointed to consider a communication from Controller Green, requesting that the Board of Education co-operate with the Board of Apportionment in reducing the estimates for 1874, made in December last, for the expenses of the former board, recommended the laying over for the present projects for the erection of three buildings and the purchasing of sites, so that the sum of $125,000 apportioned for such purposes be dispensed with, and that the sum of $25,000 apportioned for alterations and repairs be added, in order to make an aggregate reduction of $150,000 in the estimates. The report was adopted, after which the board adjourned.

THE RAID ON "MIKE" MURRAY'S.

Patrolmen Thomas Reynolds and Thomas Brennan, of the Fifteenth Precinct, were arraigned before Commissioner Gardner yesterday, charged with having failed to ascertain that gambling was going on at Mike Murray's establishment, No. 135 Eighth street, on the 13th and 14th inst. Capt. Byrnes, of the Fifteenth Precinct, who made the complaint against the officers, stated that the patrolmen were stationed in front of Murray's establishment for the purpose of ascertaining whether gambling was going on in the place, and to warn persons entering the place that they ran the risk of being arrested if they entered. Brennan was on duty on the night of the 13th inst., and reported that during that night there was nothing going on in the house, which was in complete darkness. Reynolds was on duty the next day, when the house was raided by the Central Office detectives. He stated that he was in the house twice during that day. Nothing was going on, and Murray was sitting in the front parlor with several friends smoking. He was in front of the house when Detective Williamson, who had been sent from the Central Office to ascertain what was doing there, arrived. Williamson spoke to him and asked him if there was any game in operation. He told him there was not, and the detective then entered the house and remained there nearly half an hour. He then left, and soon after returned with several other officers and pulled the house. Capt. Byrnes stated that he had visited the house several times to ascertain if any gambling was practiced there, and had frequently sent other officers there. At his request Detective Elder, of the Central Office, had visited the house for the same purpose. It was evident from the testimony that the "game" had been opened after Officer Reynolds had left the house, and that the gamblers suspected Detective Williamson's errand and closed up after he had left to go to the Central Office and report. The complaints were dismissed.

TWO MEN TERRIBLY SCALDED.

Yesterday morning two men named Edward Russell and Philip Ferguson were terribly scalded on board the tug-boat Blue Bonnet, lying at the Camden and Amboy docks foot of Second street, Hoboken, N. J. The men were engaged in testing the strength of a new boiler, and were conveying boiling water to the boiler through a hose, when the fastening of the hose suddenly burst, and struck the men with such violence as to knock them down on the floor of the engine-room. The boiling water from the end of the hose poured over them for nearly two minutes, causing them to writhe in terrible agony. They were dragged out as quickly as possible, and Dr. Chalert summoned, who did everything in his power to alleviate their sufferings. Ferguson was so badly scalded that the flesh peeled off his body, and it is feared that he cannot survive. Russell escaped with less injury. The injured men were removed to St. Mary's Hospital.

A SOLDIER'S LAST PAY-DAY.

Tuesday being the usual pay-day of the regular troops stationed in the forts around New-York, a goodly number of them were not exactly in condition for parade. At Fort Hamilton this was particularly noticeable, and toward evening the usual number of drunken brawls disturbed the village. Yesterday morning the body of a soldier named Robert Douglas, a private in Company G, Third United States Artillery, was found in a pond on Flatbush avenue. There were no marks of violence on the body, and it is thought that the man fell into the pond when making his way to his quarters while intoxicated. Douglas had a good record in his regiment. The Coroner has been notified.

THE YELLOWSTONE EXPEDITION.

DIFFICULTIES WITH THE SIOUX—A TEMPORARY FAILURE

SOCIAL SCIENCE.

SECOND DAY'S PROCEEDINGS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

CONFERENCE OF DELEGATES FROM STATE BOARDS OF CHARITIES—THE FARMERS' MOVEMENT IN THE WESTERN STATES—SOCIAL CONDITION OF CALIFORNIA.

The proceedings of the American Social Science Association were continued yesterday at Association Hall. In the morning there was a conference of delegates from State Boards of Charities in the United States, at which Dr. John B. Chapin, of Willard Asylum, read a paper on "The Duty of the States Toward Their Insane Poor," which was discussed and a committee appointed to report upon the question. A paper by Edward W. Rice, on "The Laws of Pauper Settlement" in Massachusetts, was next read, after which the conference adjourned. In the afternoon the association met, Rev. Dr. Woolsey presiding, and two papers of interest were read and discussed. President Gilman, of the University of California, submitted, through his brother, Rev. Edward Gilman, a very exhaustive paper on "California and its Relations With the Other United States," and the Secretary, Mr. Sanborn, next read an abstract of a paper prepared by William C. Flagg, of Moro, Ill., on "The Farmers' Movement in the Western States." Below will be found the papers, or a synopsis of them, which were read at the conference meeting and at the regular session of the association.

THE PROCEEDINGS.

In connection with the meeting of the Social Science Association, a conference of the Public Boards of Charities in the United States, at which Hon. John V. L. Pruyn, of Albany, presided, was held yesterday morning. There were present Dr. Nathaniel Bishop, New-York; William P. Letchworth, Buffalo; Samuel F. Miller, Delaware County, N. Y.; Dr. Charles S. Hoyt, Albany; F. B. Sanborn, General Secretary; Dr. John B. Chapin, of Willard Asylum; Mrs. W. P. Leyndé, Wisconsin; Mr. H. H. Giles, Wisconsin, and Mrs. M. R. Pretlee, Connecticut. Dr. Chapin read the following paper on "The Duty of the States Toward Their Insane Poor."

THE DUTY OF THE STATES TOWARD THEIR INSANE POOR—VIEWS OF DR. JOHN B. CHAPIN.

Underlying the initial legislation pertaining to the insane is the apprehension of danger to person and property which may arise from their irresponsible condition. If it is conceded that the safety of the community requires the personal liberty of the insane should be restrained, it follows that an obligation rests upon the State to direct, in its sovereign capacity, that the restraint should be properly and humanely exercised, and the custodial care combined with such remedial measures as will afford the greatest probability of recovery, which the individual in his condition cannot direct intelligently for his advantage. The state of helplessness and dependence which insanity at once produces, excites commiseration and pity, and prompts to sympathetic impulses, which move a community to give them expression in legislative acts for the relief of persons thus unfortunately afflicted. It may be a question whether the exercise of legislative functions to accomplish humanitarian purposes comes strictly within the objects of a Government, when these legislative acts require for their full execution the collection of taxes for objects which it is not alleged will add to the prosperity financially of the State, or enhance appreciably the value of the property of its citizens. Illustrating this view, it may be observed in this connection that taxes for purposes purely benevolent in their character are among the last to be levied and paid with reluctance, while those provided for internal improvements are more freely, and, sometimes, even liberally, voted.

Our whole duty to the insane, as well as to all the dependent classes, may not appear from the nature and objects of human Governments, but it does appear when we consider and accept those higher principles which it was the province of the Divine Master and Teacher to inculcate, the practical application of which distinguishes Christian from pagan civilization.

If, then, the safety of society imposes a necessity of exercising a salutary control over the personal liberty of the insane, then those reciprocal obligations which exist and bind together the members of a community in a State should require that there be special provision for the medical treatment and supervision of its insane poor, whose helplessness, dependent condition, and hope of recovery appeal to our sympathy and higher sense of duty, without which aid they must inevitably seek that last refuge—the refuge which the jail and almshouse afford.

The existing institutions for the care of the insane, whether corporate or erected under State auspices, may be regarded as a recognition of these obligations. If we examine the history of the early efforts to establish each one of these institutions, we will find they had their origin in the hope of improving the condition of the insane poor; that these efforts have been materially aided by "memorials," "petitions," and official reports, representing the neglected condition of the insane in jails and almshouses, and that the favorable action of Legislatures has seemed to be the direct result of these representations.

In view of the many official recognitions of the claims of the insane poor, what becomes the duty of the States to this class?

Recognizing the fact that the sentiment of a community conforms itself to its written statutes, it is of the first importance that the State, in its sovereign capacity, clearly define the legal status of an insane dependent in accordance with the principles we have stated. It should not be discretionary with a public officer, before whom a case is presented for action, to send an insane person to an asylum, almshouse and jail. With such formalities as may be deemed requisite, there should be no discretion in the case, but the public officer should in unmistakable language be required by the statute to order the transfer of the insane dependent to a public asylum established and managed upon accepted and approved principles. The insane poor should be removed as far as possible while there, in all that pertains to their daily surroundings and maintenance, from the various baneful influences of political changes, and the mercenary economy which sometimes afflicts localities.

The State institutions should be held strictly to their originally-designed purpose, so that the class for which they were created are, intended, should have the fullest benefit of the establishment, and not be excluded by any policy of internal administration.

In the earlier history of this subject it was usual to officially designate institutions for the insane as asylums, which conveyed to the popular sense the idea of permanent residence during a state of disability. Latterly it has been the practice of our Legislatures to create establishments for the insane under the name and style of hospitals, which would seem to serve the purpose of a medical idea. No exception ought to be taken to a name; but we did it not come to subserve in practice the purpose of the idea that such institutions were places of temporary abode for patients who were ultimately to find an asylum or refuge elsewhere, when pronounced incurable. Having a firm conviction that this practice has depreciated the value and importance of asylums, we believe the State establishments should be called, and actually become to the insane, asylums or homes, and the practice of discharging and removing incurables to the almshouses be abandoned.

While great additions have been made to our knowledge of the nature of insanity, its proper medical and moral management, we must ask ourselves the question whether the present state of medical science will warrant us in believing the percentage of recoveries will increase. We must regard actual results, and not take counsel of our medical enthusiasm and hopes, and confess that official reports do not justify the belief that this percentage is increasing. This statement should not be made without acknowledging the fidelity and earnestness with which the members of the profession are laboring in this department of medical research.

Would that we could realize the results that have been hoped for! Much as we love our profession and its noble offices, it is of more importance that the people of the several States be impressed with the results which actual experience develops, and prepared to discharge their whole duty to the large class of incurable insane persons who will remain a life-long public charge, as well as to the recent and curable cases.

To recognize the fact, as we must, that a small portion of the insane poor are well cared for in the existing State asylums, while the mass are provided for in the almshouses, is a sad commentary upon the existing system. To propose that we must erect more hospitals, when we are yearly struggling for appropriations to complete those we have commenced, or to keep those we have erected in a proper state of repair, does not solve the problem, but postpones it.

What our duty may be to the insane poor may be easy to determine for ourselves. If we would witness some results of a scheme of relief it must be adapted to the appreciation of the popular mind, to the pecuniary ability of tax-payers, and have the merit of comprehensiveness.

In reference to the disposition of recent cases with whom the hope of restoration mainly lies, no question can occur. There should be ample asylum accommodation prepared for their prompt treatment. The only question that we think can possibly arise is the proper disposition of the chronic and incurable cases. As we have before stated, it is our opinion that the discharge of incurables from the asylums should cease. We believe it is entirely feasible to attach to all the asylums supplemental departments in which the tranquil and manageable cases can be made more comfortable than under an almshouse organization, and on plans acceptable to tax-payers.

We believe great concessions may be made in the plans, style of architecture, and cost of construction of asylums, so that additional structures will be entered upon with less reluctance. It is not necessary that these structures should be built to endure for ages. It is quite possible and probable that the changes of a single generation may cause a departure from present plans to be highly desirable.

A word is necessary on the subject of the maintenance of the insane, and here, again, we are confronted with the financial aspect of the question. In those States where the expense of maintenance of the insane poor is a direct charge upon the counties or towns, there is a manifest reluctance, except in extreme cases, to transfer them to the State asylums, where the views as to their requirements differ, and the expense is greater than in the county poor-houses. We do not believe the differences which prevail on this point can be reconciled except by positive legislation.

In conclusion, we deem it of the highest importance that entire harmony should exist and be cultivated between the Boards of Public Charities of the several States and the medical profession as to the best policy to be pursued.

On motion, Mr. Sanborn, of Massachusetts; Mr. Giles, of Wisconsin, and Mr. Letchworth, of New-York, were appointed a committee to report a plan for unanimity of action as regards the treatment of the insane.

SYNOPSIS OF PAPER BY EDWARD W. RICE, OF BOSTON—THE LAW OF SETTLEMENT IN MASSACHUSETTS.

A paper by Edward W. Rice, of Boston, on "The Law of Settlement in Massachusetts," the principal points of which are as follows, was then read by the Secretary. The Settlement laws of England, from which our own are partially derived, date from the statute of 14th Charles II., in 1662, whereby the removal of a pauper to his own parish from a place where he had remained less than forty days was authorized. Compulsory relief was established by the celebrated statute of 43 Elizabeth, in 1601. This was the foundation of the English Poor law, the statutes previously in force being directed against "valiant beggars and sturdy vagabonds," and designed solely for the suppression of vagrancy. The earliest colonial statute, in 1639, covered both provisions for the support and removal of paupers. Under this the court, or any two Magistrates out of court, were empowered to determine all cases in which the settlement or maintenance of a pauper was concerned, and to dispose of all unsettled persons into towns wherein they could be most readily supported. This was subsequently modified, in 1655 and 1680, by giving to the "prudential men" and the Selectmen of any town the right to require security for the maintenance of all persons entering such town, and also to notify such persons within three months of their arrival of the town's unwillingness to support them. The statute of 4th William and Mary, 1692, provided that a residence of three months without warning should give a settlement, except to those convicted of crime, or who had come for nursing or education, or to be healed by a physician. Persons warned to leave and neglecting to do so for fourteen days, might be sent by Justice's warrant from Constable to Constable until they came to the town where they belonged. Various other changes, including those of 14th of William III., in 1701; 13th George II., in 1739; 7th George III., in 1767; June 23, 1824; Feb. 11, 1794; Feb. 21, 1823; chapter 328 of the laws of 1863, and the amendment, chapter 339 of the statutes of 1871, are duly recited, and the law as at present existing, and which in many respects is substantially the law of 1794, summarized as follows:

A settlement may be acquired by any adult person, irrespective of citizenship, in his or her own right, in any city or town.

First—By ten years' continuous residence therein, accompanied by the payment of taxes, or, in the case of an unmarried woman, by ten years' residence without receiving relief as a pauper or being convicted of crime.

Second—By a residence of three successive years on his or her estate of inheritance or freehold situated therein.

Third—By the possession of an estate, the assessed value of the principal or interest of which shall amount to $200 or $10 respectively, and being assessed thereon for all taxes for five years successively, provided the person dwells or has his home in the place where such assessment is made.

Fourth—By being chosen and actually serving one year in one of seven local offices.

Fifth—By being settled as an ordained minister therein.

Sixth—By being admitted as an inhabitant at a legal meeting held for that purpose.

Seventh—By dwelling and having a home at an unincorporated place at the time of its incorporation into a town.

Eighth—By setting up and carrying on a lawful trade for five years in any place, provided that the person while a minor has served a five years' apprenticeship in said trade and place, and has set up the trade within one year after the expiration of said apprenticeship. A derivative settlement may be obtained by married women, by legitimate children, and by illegitimate children, under certain restrictions.

The laws of Massachusetts in this respect are more stringent than those of any other State, and might be modified with benefit to the citizens as well as to the community at large. The other States merely prescribe a period of residence for men and unmarried women, without possession of property or payment of taxes, as follows: Maine, five years; South Carolina, three years; New-York, Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, and Oregon, one year; Illinois, Mississippi, and Kansas, six months, and Nebraska, thirty days. In Prussia a single year's residence is considered sufficient.

The conference then adjourned until Friday.

AFTERNOON SESSION OF THE ASSOCIATION.

The afternoon session commenced at 3 o'clock, Rev. Dr. Woolsey presiding. The attendance was not large, but the papers which were read were listened to with much attention, and the one on California was decidedly interesting, as it gave a graphic history of the rise and progress of that State. The Chairman having introduced Rev. Edward Gilman, he read a paper prepared by his brother, the President of the California University, of which the following is a synopsis:

CALIFORNIA AND ITS RELATIONS WITH THE OTHER UNITED STATES.

After describing the geographical features of the State, he said:

It is not only isolated but remote from all other civilized countries. San Francisco is almost as far from New-York and Washington as they are from Liverpool. Its distance from Chicago and St. Louis is about 2,000 miles. The grain, which has constituted of late the chief export, goes around Cape Horn to England. The nearest ocean neighbors are the Hawaiian Islands, and they are over 2,000 miles away. Honolulu cannot even be called a half-way house on the route to Asia and Australia, for Yokohama is 4,750 miles from San Francisco, and Sydney is 4,500 miles from Honolulu, which is already 2,080 miles from the California coast.

This remote and isolated region is more diversified in structure than any other portion of the United States. Within its territory is the highest peak yet discovered in the national domain, a peak of 15,000 feet in height, surrounded by a group of mountain giants 14,000 feet in height, whose only rival as a group is the group in Colorado. The long line of the Sierras, extending northward to Mount Shasta, is the most noteworthy chain in the Union. It is cut by extraordinary ravines or chasms, two of which (the Yosemite and Hetch Hetchy) are among the wonders of the world. At the foot of this mountain range lie river-plains of wonderful fertility. East of the Southern Sierras lies a Valley of Death, below the surface of the sea. The coast ranges in the immediate vicinity of San Francisco Harbor rise suddenly to the height of 3,000 feet, (as, for example, Tamalpais 2,597, Diablo 3,876;) and this is almost as if the Central Alleghanies were to rise up around the Bays of New-York and Newark.

This diversified structure is attended by the most diversified products. Those of the mineral kingdom are renowned, especially the gold, silver and quicksilver; but new discoveries in the mineral kingdom are frequently made. The mineral springs, which are numerous and highly valued in many cases for their medicinal qualities, are yet but quite imperfectly known. The native woods adapted to useful purposes are abundant, and some of them, like the laurel, are of great beauty, and some, like the sequoias, of marvelous stature. The wonders of vegetation in California have been so often described that the story seems exhausted; and yet not a season goes by without surprises even to the Californians themselves. The yield of grain is now the most important of the resources of the State; but those are shrewd observers who believe that the future wealth of California will not lie either in gold or corn, but in fruit. As there is no limit to the demand for fruit, so there is no limit to the supply of it which California can send to the markets of the world. Quick and cheap transportation for fresh fruit, and improved methods of preservation are the only desiderata. There is no limit to grape culture; and already the wines and brandies are important manufactures, and preparations are rapidly making for drying, canning and transporting to less favored climates the superabundant produce of the fruit-trees of the State. Fresh strawberries are found in any month in the markets of San Francisco, and are of low price from April to November. The Los Angeles oranges are abundant and good; but the orange belt is not limited to the southern portion of the State, as many suppose. I have just visited an orchard of well-laden orange-trees just over the San Francisco hills, near Martinez.

The almond, olive, and fig were there flourishing side by side with the cherry, pear, and apple. Position, structure, and products have determined for the State the most diversified industries. Manufactures are rapidly (though not so rapidly as might be expected) receiving the attention of capitalists, and in some instances, where experience and money have co-operated, (for example, in the manufacture of blankets,) the highest results have been reached. It would not be easy to say which of the four great branches of human industry—agriculture, manufactures, mining, or commerce and transportation—is likely to predominate. Doubtless all these departments of exertion are to receive in years to come a degree of development hitherto unknown.

The people are diversified as well as the products. All the varied elements of society in the Eastern States are working here; the Southern chivalry and the Northern yeomanry are blended. Modern European immigration has supplied its full quota to the population. The African is also here. There are, besides, these elements in the population quite unknown in most of the other States. First, the native American Indian, still to be found in the remoter districts, even waging war under Capt. Jack last year against the National Government. Second, The remnant of the Spanish inhabitants, with their hereditary language, customs, and ideas, and, finally, the coming man, John Chinaman, everywhere working his way, in the kitchen, the shop, the farm, and the mines.

Diversity of race is not apparent, of course, in San Francisco. There it is that national peculiarities are most obvious, and the various social elements stand out as visible energizing forces. Here, for example, is the Chinese quarter, as distinct a district, as Celestial in its aspects, as offensive in its smells as if a section of Canton had been floated across the ocean. Here, again, is the Jewish Synagogue, surpassing in magnitude and overlooking in position all or nearly all Christian Churches. Here are clubs and churches and associations and hospitals and newspapers perpetuating and promulgating the ideas and languages of the most diversified of existences in these cities This cosmopolitan commingling is seen, of course, in New-York and all other Eastern cities, with the single remarkable exception of the Asiatic element, which is here so prominent; but the ascendancy of the American institutional life, is so great in all the older Atlantic cities that it passes almost unquestioned. Here, also, American institutions are thoroughly established, but the influence of non-American ideas and institutions is also very obvious, modifying many of the hereditary and traditional ways of the Eastern States.

Alluding to Californian society, he said:

The number of educated men in California is very noteworthy. Even among the very first settlers, the pioneer seekers after gold in the diggings, were large numbers of college-bred men. The Associated Alumni of the Pacific Coast is a very large and influential body. In the struggle for existence during the first years of the modern history of California men of feeble frames and weak resolution disappeared. It was the healthy and the intelligent and the bold who held out. Those who failed went back to the East, or otherwise vanished. Consequently, the present condition of Californian society exhibits a great amount of mental vigor, enterprise, enthusiasm. Nothing has surprised me more than the multitude of agencies which are here at work for the promotion of culture. These agencies are not yet developed; they lack age and money; but they are living and growing forces, and the next generation will see them as well developed as in the older cities of the East.

The peculiar relations of the harbor of San Francisco to the rest of the State have had a great influence upon the development of society. The Golden Gate gives access not only to the one great harbor of California, but to a magnificent bay, into which pours the joint stream of Sacramento and San Joaquin. As the Erie Canal was the necessary artificial connection between the wheat fields of New-York and Ohio and the harbor of New-York City, so the Straits of Carquinez are the natural passage from the inner valley of the great California Valley and the harbor of San Francisco. Around this harbor and bay the population has clustered. San Francisco is to California what Paris is to France. There is no rival to it. Wealth, culture, art, music, education, literature here establish themselves. San Francisco is necessarily a great city, by its geographical position, as truly as New-York. Its relative ascendancy is not likely to be ever impaired; but as there is no counterpoise to its influence, no other large city within the State—none, indeed, that is nearer than Chicago, its influence upon the State legislation is not sure to be good; or, rather, there is likely to be a permanent danger of collision between its interests and those of the sparsely-settled regions.

Alluding to the progress which has been made in California, he said:

I have not ceased to wonder at the progress which has been made in California, during an experience of only twenty-five years, in the establishment of institutions designed to promote the social welfare of the people. The munificent sums which have thus been expended and the good sense and acquaintance with the best experience elsewhere are prognostics of ultimate success.

In judging of these institutions it must be remembered that they have all been created and built within less than a quarter of a century, by persons who brought with them but little capital, who have had to build houses, wharves, roads, railroads, public buildings, and to provide all the requirements of civilized society, while they have also been creating and maintaining the institutions of morality, education, charity, and religion. These institutions are not weak and feeble affairs. Each of them in its way will compare favorably with institutions of its class in the older States.

It is almost impossible, by any general statements, to convey to persons at a distance a notion of these enterprises which has been reached a vast amount of contrivance and expenditure; but the following enumeration of some of the undertakings and establishments of the State and its chief city will, perhaps, help the distant observer to see what is in progress.

The system of common schools extended through the State, well developed in the large towns, and culminating in the State University—a university to which have been appropriated interest-bearing funds of more than a million and a quarter of dollars in addition to the grant of site, buildings, apparatus, and many current expenditures; a university which is at once in sympathy with the modern tendencies of scientific research and with the study of language, history, and humanity; an Academy of Sciences devoted to publishing like a journal and to the formation of collections for which private munificence has assured a commodious and costly building; a State geological survey which has been in some respects superior to any of the State surveys, and has furnished maps of this diversified territory which are unequaled in any part of the country; libraries not yet to compare with the Public Library of Boston or with other great Eastern collections, but ranking favorably with the mercantile and society libraries of Eastern cities; the Hospital at Sacramento and San Francisco of especial brilliance; an Institution for the deaf and dumb and blind; a retreat for the insane, which is about to be supplemented by a very costly building at Napa; a costly hospital and an almshouse in the County of San Francisco; an art association, which has a gallery of art and a collection, and maintains a school of design; a landscape park, reclaimed like a garden from a desert under circumstances most unfavorable; private hospitals; private schools and academies, or colleges, as they are called; churches, especially in San Francisco, nearly and commonly a State Capital, which has cost $2,000,000; a city hall in San Francisco, which is projected on a plan which will involve a much greater expenditure—all these foundations and expenditures for the public good are irrespective of the outlays which the State Government has made in the construction of its public buildings, and the maintenance of its branches of the public service. They have been created at the expense of the people of the State within about twenty years, and compare in all respects favorably with what has been accomplished in any of the older States, and speak volumes for the liberality, the intelligence, and the success of the community. They also indicate the triumph of good forces over bad forces, of humanity and Christian civilization over the love of material gain, the tendency of wealth to assert itself merely in luxury, accumulation, and display.

It is sometimes said that Californians have not begun to make endowments like the wealthy men of the East. This is not a fair reproach. All the great gifts of the Eastern States are often balanced against those of California, and the fact that there is here scarcely any hereditary wealth, and that accumulated property is largely in the hands of those who are still in the prime of life and are deeply involved in business, is often overlooked. The day for generous gifts has begun, and already one and another and another has shown a disposition to devote a large share of his accumulations to the good of the community in which he dwells. Pre-eminent is the generosity of Mr. James Lick, who proposes to endow the Academy of Sciences and to construct an Astronomical Observatory of unexampled completeness.

In conclusion he referred to Chinese emigration in the following terms: Probably the greatest difficulty which California will have to deal with will be the Chinese problem. There is nothing which the State requires so much as an abundance of cheap labor, if the fields are to be tilled, the mines worked, and the factories built. Ordinary domestic servants are now paid $25 or $30 per month in gold, in addition to their maintenance. European immigrants, willing to engage in manual or servile work, come but slowly into the State. The Chinamen are eager to come. They are versatile, handy, industrious, and obedient. Some of them excel in hard out-door labor; some are excellent cooks and laundresses; some are skillful operatives in factories. But they are of a different race, of heathen religion, of difficult speech, and altogether are an offense to multitudes of white persons, who regard them as trespassers in the labor market. The hostility of the multitude toward the Chinese surpasses any hostility manifested at the East toward the African, except in the extreme heat of passions aroused by the civil war. It has been quite equaled by the utterance of some of the newspapers and public speakers. It does not lessen as years roll on. Last year the cargoes of immigrants were so large that the city was on the verge of a riot, and the Chinese companies were forced to telegraph, "Send no more emigrants." This year, in consequence, the arrivals have been less numerous.

Those who employ large numbers of the Chinese are exposed to a great deal of popular censure; those who defend or advocate their rights are assailed very much as the anti-slavery men were assailed in years gone by. Yet the Chinese immigration is by no means parallel with the system of African slavery, and should not be discussed on exactly the same principles. The evils objected to in Chinese labor are very different from those which were offensive in African servitude. A most extraordinary summary of their faults was once made in this arraignment that they were too frugal, too ingenious, and too industrious for Americans to compete with.

THE FARMERS' MOVEMENT IN THE WESTERN STATES—PAPER BY WILLARD C. FLAGG.

Mr. Willard C. Flagg, of Moro, Ill., forwarded the following paper on the farmers' movement in the West, which was read by the Secretary: In attempting to comply with the request to furnish a paper upon the farmers' movement in the Western States, I find I labor under the double disadvantage of examining a very incomplete social phenomenon with partial eyes. This, however, has not deterred adverse criticism from men of presumed culture (and possibly philosophy) in leading periodicals of our Eastern cities. I am glad, therefore, of an opportunity to place before an Atlantic audience of thoughtful men and women the other side of a controversy which, whatever its origin and purpose, I believe is to end in another forward movement of the masses of humanity toward a more complete realization of the democratic idea in our Government. In all past ages the agricultural class, like the other industrial classes, has, by force, fraud, or cunning, been prevented from obtaining little more than a subsistence from its labors. The robber-baron, the mediæval merchant, the royal tax-gatherer, and the railway monopoly have thriven, but the men who, in rain and sun, toiled early and late, painfully and penuriously, have seldom, if at all, received a due reward for their labor. Agriculture has been a system of spoliation. The landlord, the transporter, or the middleman robs the farmer; the farmer robs the land; thus arid and waste provinces remain to tell the story of bad husbandry and worse political economy. And yet, in the great discussion that has arisen concerning labor and capital, work and wages, in these latter days, the men who do most of the labor and constitute more than half the race, have by some strange inadvertence been hardly thought of by our labor reformers. *Hamlet*, in this nineteenth century tragedy of ours, has been left out, and did not force himself into notice till 1873, in the farm laborers' movement in England and the farmers' movement in our Western States. As the intelligence, the ability, and the will to associate for the common good become developed, resistance to oppression begins and positive efforts are made to promote the general welfare. It is notable that the farmers and farm laborers of the civilized world are among the last to combine—a result due not so much to lack of intelligence as to isolation, suspicion, and unwieldy numbers. Resistance began where the oppression was most felt, and where there was the greatest ability to resist it. Since the farmers' movement first showed its strength in the Western States, there cheap lands and a fertile soil attracted a large body of intelligent emigrants—it is safe to say men of more than average education and ability. These men in that region comprise more than half the population, instead of thirty per cent., as in all New-England, and twelve per cent., as in Rhode Island. They produce far in excess of the wants of local consumption, and a large surplus from their farms seeking the seaboard must pass through the hands of dealer and transporter. These farmers' wants, where not supplied by local production, must be met by purchase of goods that have gone through the same hands. The result is a high cost of production and a low price of products that has rendered, even in favorable seasons, their business unremunerative, and made them poorer in the midst of plenty. This farmers' movement seized upon such existing organizations of the agricultural class as seemed most adapted to meet its wants. It passed by, for the most part, the agricultural societies, the Board of Agriculture, and organizations generally that were devoted to holding fairs and the like, because these organizations often contained more or less men that were neither farmers nor in sympathy with farmers. But the farmers' clubs organized for discussion and mutual improvement in the art of agriculture, and the grangers', whose object was mutual help, cooperation, and social intercourse, came nearer what was needed, and were appropriated, multiplied, and concentrated upon the new work. The loose organization of the clubs, the secrecy and prohibition of politics in the granges, were drawbacks to their efficiency, but these difficulties have been to some extent corrected. Now, the farmers being a large class, their interest is very nearly the common interest of the people of the whole country. Hence the trade organizations are strengthened, or, what is better, become fused together in a class organization of mechanics and operatives, with broader and less selfish purposes and aspirations than the single trades-union can have. Sooner or later these industrial interests, comprising from seventy to seventy-five per cent. of the population, promise to join hands and to combine in putting down whatever seems to be inconsistent with the fundamental doctrines of our republic. In this they will receive the aid (no doubt) of fair men of all classes, and will be opposed only by the more selfish of the privileged classes, who, at the expense of other classes, have grown wealthy from legal advantages furnished by unjust legislation. Thus the movement which began with the agricultural class reacts upon other classes, and becomes general and hostile to existing parties decadent or triumphant. The discussion which ensues results in ferreting out the causes of known evils, is most valuable in reforming abuses, and educating the people to more radical and democratic opinions than have yet been accepted by the country. Our existing system of national taxation, whereby the consumer pays the tax; of State taxation, which makes the farmer the great tax-payer of the country; our inconvertible currency, whose depreciation is a heavy burden, first upon farmers, next on mechanics and laborers, and finally on all men engaged in legitimate business; our transportation, placed by law in the hands of monopolies; our patent laws, whereby the many are inordinately taxed to make a few unusually rich—all these and other abuses discussed in the light of a more intelligent and pronounced republicanism, tend to build up a new political organization that, appealing to the first principles of the Declaration, goes forward to war against class privileges and distinction. It seems to be the law of American politics that successful parties must organize on radical principles and fight their way to success. Success brings quiescence and conservatism, a perpetuation and defense of existing facts, good and bad; and the party more radical and progressive rises and attacks abuses, and marches on to more advanced positions. Such, at least, has been the experience of the two parties of the country. The Democratic Party, denounced and feared in its conception as revolutionary and agrarian, rose rapidly to power, held it long, abused it, and sunk into a dishonored grave. The Republican Party, deriving its inspiration from the principle of universal equality laid down in our Declaration, could not be kept down by threats or gibes. It became the great party of the country; but to-day, seated in the high places of power, it can hardly keep its skirts out of corruption, or meet the further demands of radicalism. If it does not, the near future will show a party on the same corner-stone of equal and exact justice, whose fight shall be "war to the knife" with the legal but unjust privileges of chartered monopolies. The farmers' movement means, then, primarily an advancement in the intelligence and ability of the tillers of the soil; secondly, an unusual feeling of oppression and distress resulting from the mischievous legislation of the country, and, finally, an effort to reform the abuses and carry to a more logical conclusion the principles of our republican democracy. It is a large part of the universal improved tendency of the manual workers of the world. It is as irrepressible as the progress of democracy on the earth. It forecasts the time when the cunning of the hand shall be directed by the brain of the worker. "Equal and exact justice to all men;" "All men are created equal;" "Government derives its just powers from the governed;" "Whatever ye would that men should do unto you, do you even so with them." These are accepted principles and must work out their logical results.

DISCUSSION ON THE PAPERS OF MESSRS. FLAGG AND GILMAN.

President Woolsey then invited the discussion on the papers read:

Judge Bowles said there were two faults in the paper just read, both of which related to its indefiniteness in giving the pros and cons of the movement of the opposition of the farmers to the railroad companies and *vice versa*. He thought that if there were no railroads there would be no farms, or at least the area of farmable land would be so small that the scope of labor would be reduced. The next difficulty is the question of pro rata charges. The rate of carrying wheat from the West to the East was 2-10 cents per cwt. per mile. If that rate were adhered to it would make the cost of transportation to New-York about sixty-four cents per bushel. Another singular fact growing out of this question, was the inconsistent attitude of the farmers toward the railroad corporations, as to their mode of incorporation, and as to the granting of towns and counties for railroads. In these cases it was always claimed that the roads were private property, and that it was oppressive to bond the towns for their support. As soon, however, as the farmers found that they would like to control the rates of freight on the roads, they set up an entirely new plea, and claimed the power and right to control them on the ground that they were public corporations. He thought there was one point which determined whether there was any merit in the farmers' movement. The parties who put their money into these roads expected and are entitled to a fair per centum of return for their money. Before the farmer begins to cry out so loudly, he might well ascertain first whether these roads are making such enormous profits and paying such large dividends. According to the best authorities on the subject he had found that the average profit of the railroad companies was about four and one-half to five per cent. on Western roads, and about seven per cent. on Eastern roads, on the cost of building the roads.

Gamaliel Bradford said he was struck by the allusion in the paper read by Mr. Gilman to the Chinese question. It was a question of vast interest to watch and study. The great wave of population originally swept from the East toward the West, and had simultaneously made its circuit of the world. To the people of this country especially it was extraordinarily interesting, for no man could as yet solve the future of it. Today we witnessed the marvelous spectacle of this westward-bound surge beating against the eastern wall from which it had started and the centuries upon centuries of Chinese education and history, and its religion 4,000 years old, brought into immediate contact with a history of twenty-five years. It was indeed a wonderful problem, and one of the grandest ever presented to the human mind for solution. He had also been struck by the remarks on the farmers and railroad questions, as being one intimately associated with the subject of the first paper. Both had interests and considerations in common, as the latter embraced a question of labor in conjunction with the cheap Chinese labor problem. As he construed the immediate subject under consideration, it was not to be settled by any amount of controversy between the farmers and the railroad companies, but it was a question of currency purely. Gold, in the long run, determines the depreciation of currency, and in like manner the price of the whole grain crop is determined by the exported portion. The farmer raises it at currency and disposes of it at gold prices, and the gold appreciation exceeding the currency depreciation there is no fair ratio of return. The question was not one of either the railroads or the farmers against each other, but purely one of specie payments; and when we return to that basis of currency the railroad and farmers will find that the question between them is settled.

Samuel B. Ruggles, James W. Wolf and other gentlemen expressed their views very briefly, all of them being strongly in favor of the return to specie payments as the great remedy for the farmers and the railroad questions. The conference was then adjourned until 8 o'clock P. M.

THE PRESS AND THE PEOPLE.

ADDRESS BY MURAT HALSTEAD BEFORE THE KENTUCKY STATE PRESS ASSOCIATION.

An address was delivered yesterday, at Henderson, Ky., by Murat Halstead, of the Cincinnati *Commercial*, before the Kentucky State Press Association, on "The Press and the People."

The printed paper sheet, the speaker said, is one of the elements of the atmosphere of the age. The balm and spices, political and personal, that give the familiar flavor, enter peculiarly into the airs that lap this continent. One-half of the world's fourteen thousand periodicals are issued in North America, and one-half of these in the Valley of the Mississippi. If there is one thing that troubles us more than another, it is not obscurity, nor is it lack of influence. The press has affluence of power, but it appears rather in stimulating than in directing the forces of popular movements. One cannot be confident that it does not sometimes argument the tenacity of original sin and strengthen the vigor of total depravity. Its capacity in exciting revolutions and enkindling wars has imposing examples, and has readier recognition than any ability it may possess to guide with wisdom the fiery storms it has fanned; but there is an impression abroad that sometimes after sowing the winds the press reaps with singular advantage the harvest of the whirlwind. There are no privileges of the press that are not the privileges of the people. Any citizen has the right to tell the truth—speak it or write it—for his own advantage and the general welfare. No editor can properly claim in court or on the street more than that. Our equality in rights with our neighbors is positive. If we have the means of addressing a larger audience than others have, there is an increase of responsibility, not an enlargement of right. The thing needful first in establishing a base of operations for the help of the people against those who are mighty in cunning and devour their substance, is integrity; and with it belong the courage of convictions and the consciousness of independence. With these we are equipped for the field, and the field is the world. After alluding to the necessity of keeping reading matter entirely distinct from paid advertisements of any kind in newspapers, and commenting on the various methods adopted by advertisers for having their pet schemes smuggled into the editorial or news columns, by which means many were induced to invest their savings in worthless speculations, which they fancied had received the editorial sanction, Mr. Halstead continues: "If we could rid ourselves at once of the grotesque displays and of the fraudulent advertising as reading matter, the appearance as well as the character of the American newspaper would be improved; and without reducing our profits, we might enlarge our type and spare the eye-sight of the students of current history."

Alluding to "ring" rule, the speaker said: "Rings are combinations to control public affairs in private interests. They administer our States, that they may take the margins on the sale of bonds, the toll on public works, the contracts for boarding and working convicts, building and running benevolent institutions, and the black-mail on corporations. They possess our counties, that they may construct roads and bridges and work-houses and poor-houses and Court-houses, and hold the offices that are made fat with perquisites. They are national as well as local. They regulate the tariff, build the navy, supply the army, aid the railroads, carry the mails, feed the Indians, and have built up the vast system of extravagant pay for miserable service that centres at Washington, and impoverishes and discredits the country. Rings rule in the Court-houses, the State-houses, the City Halls, and the National Capitol. The ring is the reality of power. Congressmen, legislators, Councilmen—these are the puppets that leap and mouth and dance as the master touches the wires. It is from the sovereignty of rings that we should separate the press. The condition of the country under ring rule—which is nothing new, indeed, but constantly taking under exposure shapes that augment its odium—excites indignation, disgust, and alarm." Mr. Halstead next dwelt on the existence of "ring" rule in the Old World, giving as instances the Napoleonic ring in France, the existing corruption in Russia, Spain, and Italy; the rule of the military aristocracy in Austria, and the support of an oppressive royalty in England, not even excepting Germany, which he contended had been corrupted by French gold. He quoted Mexico, Brazil, Cuba, and the South American Republics as being no less corrupt than our own country, showing that the age was one of ring rule. "The composition of the rings," he added, "is a curious study. We find them invariably made up of the professional politicians and busybodies of the two parties. If there should happen to be three rings, the ring would become a party in a triangle. The men who get their living out of politics will not allow any important organization or movement to dispense with their skilled labor, or to languish for the lack of their enthusiasm. The rank and file are not running in the front ranks of reformers, and they ply their trade like pickpockets, in the midst of the popular uprisings. In this connection the press should not give up to party what was meant for mankind, but pour the light of daily intelligence upon the multitude, that the honest men and the rascals may be parted at once, like the sheep and the goats at last."

As a means of purifying the press, Mr. Halstead advocated the abolition of editorial notices in return for official advertising, free railroad passes, or other favors, the rule being, he contended, that the editor was expected to give ten favors for every one he received. The speaker next took up the subject of independent journalism, and said: "It is at all times difficult to strike a blow that harms a villainy without hurting somebody, and it is not always able to be impersonal or to enjoy the advantage we have of being anonymous. Certainly the public may be most honorably served by striking down the professionals in peculation, and in the encouraging example of the sentence of the press upon the New-York Ring of millionaire robbers, which has placed Tweed, the chief of the gang, on Blackwell's Island, and has made his vulgar pomp and sinister features familiar in every house as those of the great criminal who has been brought to right-eous judgment. This was a very personal matter, and the thieves did not hesitate to strike back at the honest men, seeking, as always in such cases, to make the impression that there was a private quarrel rather than a public controversy. How far the press has failed in the complete performance of its duty we see in the fact that, while there is a 'Boss' in every city in the country, there is but one in the Penitentiary. It should appear to the people—and we must make it appear—that there are most honorable careers not associated with office-holding; that there are better places than official positions; that the information of our fellow-citizens is of greater value than to win their suffrage for individual aggrandizement; that the drudgery of canvassing votes does not become the best manhood, and is harmful to the people; that to be public service most advantageous is not through flatteries; that there are surer measurements of popular confidence than by counting ballots; that it is excellent to have a giant's strength and to use it like a giant in facing all public questions with perfect candor and sparing no villains. A great share of the work appointed for the press, it is clear, cannot be done by the journals of the cities alone. To the thousands of weekly new

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This morning THE DAILY TIMES *consists of* TEN PAGES. *Every news-dealer is bound to deliver the paper in its complete form, and any failure to do so should be reported at the publication office.*

The Democratic Congressmen were not very happy in their choice of FERNANDO WOOD as a leader, and Mr. WOOD is still less happy in his performance of the duties appertaining to that position. Yesterday he was put forward to reply to Mr. E. H. ROBERTS' damaging comparison of the methods in which the Democratic and Republican Parties respectively deal with their scoundrels. He selected the case of PHELPS, the thief in the New-York State Treasury, as an instance of the Republican method, charging that a Republican Treasurer had taken PHELPS, after he was discharged from the Custom-house for corruption, and made him Deputy Treasurer. But the fact is that a Republican Custom-house administration discharged PHELPS, and the Treasurer elected on the Democratic ticket appointed him to the Treasury, mainly as a reward for services to Mr. Senator FENTON. This picking out disconnected and not very important cases to sustain a general charge is a very silly practice at best, and in the bungling hands of Mr. WOOD it turns out a very dangerous one. To make a fair comparison between the two parties, it is necessary to point out their general attitude toward corruption. When this is done, two very prominent facts always stand out against the Democratic Party: One is the shameful delay and hesitation which it showed in condemning the Tweed rule. The other is the leadership of Mr. FERNANDO WOOD.

We bid fair, in the course of two or three days, to know what effect may be exercised on the President's mind by a direct vote of censure from at least one House of Congress upon the conduct of the Secretary of the Treasury in the matter of the Sanborn contracts. Such a resolution is proposed in the Committee on Ways and Means by a nearly unanimous vote, and the chances are that it will pass the House as soon as it is reached. As Mr. BUTLER announces his intention to take part in the debate if he is well enough, the occasion promises to be an interesting one. But the vote of the House is not needed to establish gross mismanagement or misconduct on the part of the Secretary of the Treasury, whose continuance at the head of his department is as unfortunate as it is inexplicable.

A cable dispatch announces that the lock-out of farm laborers in Lincolnshire has been ended by a settlement which will probably be adopted in other districts. By the latest mail advices the eastern counties' lock-out—of which Lincolnshire was the starting point—had extended to Berkshire and Kent. It

the efforts at mediation, most of them conducted by prominent public men, had so far failed on account of the stubborn ultimatum of the farmers—"The men must give up the Union." Rather than do this the men resolved to emigrate, and had already left the country in large numbers. It is, therefore, reasonable to conclude that the settlement involves a recoguition of the laborers' right to combine.

Two lines in a London evening paper recorded the death of Mr. MOWBRAY MORRIS, for many years manager of the London *Times*. As this was the only notice of the event which appeared in the papers, we supposed it to be a mistake—but the statement seems to be confirmed by the *Athenæum* of May 9. Mr. MOWBRAY MORRIS was in his fifty-fifth year, and had been the manager of the London *Times* for upward of a quarter of a century. He was a man of enormous shrewdness and ability, keen and penetrating in a most remarkable degree, rather hard and cynical in temperament, ruling with a rod of iron, but capable of unbending when among his friends. And when thus unbent, no man could be more charming. He was probably one of the best judges of other men that ever lived—he sounded them through and through, and seldom made a mistake. For nearly five years past he suffered much from ill-health—much, also, from troubles which are happily over for him now.

If the Police were to keep their eyes open in and around the City Hall Park, they would find no difficulty in running down several varieties of the swindlers who lay in wait for our rural cousins. They hang round the park and THE TIMES building, watching like so many cats for the sleek country mouse which comes along suspecting no evil. Many of these rascals might be caught with ease every day, by a sharp detective, between the Franklin Statue and Beekman street. This is a central spot, and is, therefore, a favorite hunting-ground for the City sharper. It is apparently entirely neglected by the Police, night and day, and we should now be glad to see it receive the attention which it has long thoroughly deserved.

The Spring or Summer season opened with unusually hot weather in Europe, but soon afterward severe cold seems to have set in. The sudden change is thus accounted for by M. DE FONVIELLE, in *Galignani* of May 7: "The chilliness is due to the fact that the earth passes behind a ring of asteroids, which absorb a portion of the sun's warmth, due to us while it remains above the horizon. The temperature will not resume its ascensional movement until the annual rotation shall have carried our sphere from the shadow of the multitude of small planets which is always projected on the same point of our orb." Now that we know the cause of the backward season, we shall doubtless bring out our Winter clothing again with contented minds.

A somewhat sketchy paper on California and its relations to the other United States was read at yesterday's meeting of the Social Science Association. Its author, President GILMAN, of the University of California, seems to believe that the future wealth of California will not be in gold or grain, but in fruit, and quick and cheap transportation for fresh fruit and improved methods of preservation are held to be among the chief desiderata for the development of the State. A more stable source of wealth will probably be found in the immense wheat-growing resources of California, to which President GILMAN hardly devotes the requisite amount of attention. From the surplus wheat-harvest of 1872-3, California exported 525,000 tons of wheat, requiring 340 vessels to carry it away. Though a great falling off has been manifested in the last harvest, the next one is expected to be beyond all precedent in the history of the State. It has been calculated that one million tons will be available for export, requiring at the lowest probable average of freight $15,000,000 to convey it to Great Britain. California has a very proper desire to build her own ships to secure a share in this enormous revenue. Five years of freight earnings at this rate would pay, even without return cargoes, for the entire cost of a fleet of 1,000 wooden or composite vessels of 1,000 tons at the rates at which they could be built at San Francisco. With a comprehensive system of irrigation, California could quadruple the crops grown on the two millions of acres now under wheat-culture. Though President GILMAN has not gone into statistics of this character, his paper will be found both suggestive and interesting.

Mr. FLAGG's paper on the farmers' movement in the Western States deals too much with the vague generalities of the question, and too little with the practical views of the granger party. After listening to this authority from Illinois, we are as far as ever from understanding in what way the farmers for whom he assumes to speak desire to reform the Tax laws, what is their precise position on the currency question, and how they propose to conduct the business of transportation. Do the grangers propose to go in for free trade, pure and simple, and are they prepared to take their stand upon hard money, in opposition to the clamor raised from some of the agricultural sections of the South and West in favor of unlimited inflation? It would have been a matter of some interest to know whether the granger policy contemplates handing over the entire business of transportation to the National Government, or whether its aims are limited to taxing the people for the construction of competing Government lines for through freight. Mr. FLAGG persists in considering the granger party as a great power in the political organization of the future. If he is right, no party in American politics has ever started with fewer fixed ideas than the party of which he calls himself the spokesman.

The sufferers by the Mill River disaster are likely to be well provided for, if we may judge from the rate at which subscriptions are at present flowing in. We have no desire to check this current of generosity, since there is not the slightest danger of relief measures being overdone. But it does seem hard because the bursting of a dam and the sudden sacrifice of many lives appeal powerfully to the public imagination, while the gradual overflow of a river does not, that the more widespread ruin wrought by the latter cause should fail to elicit the attention and practical sympathy it deserves. The Mayor of New-Orleans has just stated that unless the resources for relief on the lower Mississippi be somehow increased to $1,000,000 many thousands of people must perish by famine. New-York has been shamefully backward in this matter, and cannot too soon devise some organized means of aiding a population whose interests are closely bound up with our own.

To those familiar with the views of Mr. DAVID A. WELLS on the subject of State and national taxation, there is nothing new in his paper read before the Social Science Convention yesterday evening. But the paper presents in a tolerably succinct form a very readable analysis of the leading points of a great subject. Those desiring illustrations of the opinions there enumerated cannot do better than consult the published reports of Mr. WELLS on the various aspects of taxation. One statement contained in last night's paper cannot be kept too clearly in public view. It is to the effect that a faulty revenue system of permanent operation is less evil than a good system which is perpetually changing—"the curse of the United States system is to be found rather in its instability than in its theory."

THE PROPOSED ADJOURNMENT OF CONGRESS.

Congress has agreed, by a concurrent resolution, to adjourn five weeks from next Monday. The Senate resolution, naming the 22d day of June as the date of final adjournment for the first session, was called up in the House yesterday and encountered objection from several members, some of them, it is to be remarked, Democrats, who are fond of saying that Congress can do nothing better than adjourn *sine die*. These objections would have defeated the proposition for the present had not Mr. DAWES, who is very skillful in the art of making an unruly House get through its work, introduced another resolution, as a privileged question, in precisely the words of the Senate resolution; and this was passed by both bodies in a few hours.

On the whole, the people will not be sorry to see Congress adjourn early this Summer. Judged by the standard of the Legislatures which have immediately preceded it, it does not deserve especial condemnation. It has, so far, been more free from jobbery, it has been more orderly, active, and industrious in its routine work than any Congress we have had for some time past. Many of its members are able men, and its committees have turned out a fair share of ordinary legislation. Nevertheless, Congress has drawn upon itself much impatient and unfriendly criticism, and, as we have said, the people will be glad to see it finish its labors, and go home. The main difficulty with it is that, brought face to face with some of the most serious problems of a very important and even critical period of our public affairs, it found itself almost powerless to solve them. It was not elected to solve these problems. Its members were, for the most part, carried in on the wave of political excitement which swept the country in 1872, and neither they nor their constituents foresaw the precise questions which would require attention in 1874.

As things have turned out, the task committed to the members has been very difficult and complex. When the session opened, various events had brought a good deal of suspicion on the standard of political morality observed in Washington. The "salary grab" had intensified this suspicion. It became the duty of the present Congress to do everything it could to restore confidence, and to maintain confidence when it was restored. But that was not a duty which appeared very plain to the average Congressman. On the contrary, he went to Washington with very different ends in view—intending to commit himself to nothing very decided, to draw the $7,500 a year which had been voted to him by his obliging predecessors, to look out for the appropriations in his district, to take care of his allowance of patronage and appointments, to vote straight with his party on all political questions, and to return to his constituents this Fall with a "claim" for re-election, which all the traditions and the practice of his party should sustain. Instead of being allowed to carry out this peaceful programme, he was compelled at the very start to give up his windfall of extra salary, which he naturally did with many wry faces and after a good many delays—delays which only served to deprive him of what little credit he might have got for the act had he consented to it promptly. He has seen all his pet appropriations cut down in obedience to an overwhelming public necessity. He has struggled in vain for the cherished projects of his district, and has been annoyed by an impertinent and growing sentiment in favor of a civil service reform which he believes is absurd, and which he knows will put an end to his little traffic in appointments. He has seen with dismay that the most important question of the session, and the one exciting the country most—namely, that of finance—has broken through all party lines, left him none of the old familiar guide-posts, and imposed upon him the hopeless task of discovering something like a controlling principle by which to shape his action. And what is still worse, when he and his friends had concocted a plausible measure on this miserable question, which left every champion of it headed, as Mr. HOSEA BIGLOW would say, "due South by North," the President was cruel enough to veto it, and to force on the unhappy Congressman the painful duty of defining his position without concealment.

These are some of the reasons why the majority of the voting members of Congress have not met the plain demands of public opinion, and have impressed on the Winter's proceedings an aspect of general weakness and hesitation. There are men in both the House and the Senate who perceive the impression that has been made, and who are anxious to remove it. Some of these ascribe it to the wickedness of the "newspapers," and the absence of "organs." Others have tried to remove the adverse impression by completing the undone work in a proper spirit. The prompt completion of the Finance bill reported by Mr. SHERMAN, after the veto, was an instance of their efforts. How sadly these efforts miscarried every one knows. Whether corresponding efforts in the House will be more successful, it is yet too soon to say. But the resolution for an early adjournment will be a decided help. It will hasten action on important matters, and prevent action on matters that are not so important. It will tend to increase the power and influence of the more capable members of Congress, and it will for a time check the headstrong and unintelligent impulses of many members of both branches. Probably the resolution for adjournment on the 22d of June will not be carried out to the letter; but we may reasonably hope that our Representatives and Senators will return to their homes by the Fourth of July. If before that time they succeed in *doing* something for the good of the country, their constituents will be glad to see them.

PHILADELPHIA.

The annual message of the Mayor of Philadelphia was sent to the Select and Common Councils of that city on the 14th of this month. It is rather a long document, but is not longer than is fairly called for by the nature of the subject. We shall, in this article, speak only of that part of it which relates to the finances.

The total funded debt of Philadelphia on the 1st of January, 1874, was $58,165,556 97. Besides this, there was a floating debt of about two and a half million dollars, which, as it was nearly balanced by the amount of cash in hand, may here be left out of account. The population of the city was probably, at that date, about seven hundred and twenty thousand, making the average of debt a little over eighty dollars for each inhabitant.

The Mayor's message contains no estimate of the value of property owned by the Municipal Government. Indeed, we do not know any way in which such an estimate could be made with even an approach to exactness in Philadelphia, or any other great city. A street, for instance, that has been laid out and graded over a difficult piece of ground is, in reality, just as truly property as the roadway of a railroad. A culvert or sewer, in like manner, is property, and often of a very expensive and valuable description. In such a city as Philadelphia, the aggregate amount of property of these two kinds must be reckoned by millions of dollars. In addition to this, the public buildings for various purposes—including school-houses—and the land occupied by them, or pertaining to them, the waterworks and pipes, the bridges over the Schuylkill, the public squares, and, above all, the immense park, cannot, if estimated in the same way as would be done in the case of real estate owned by private individuals, be worth less than forty or forty-five millions of dollars. A great deal of this, it is true, brings in no direct revenue and saves no money; but it all goes to render the city additionally desirable as a place of business and of residence, and thereby to increase the means and facilities for revenue. All things considered, it may be more than doubted whether, vast as the debt of Philadelphia is, the city has not quite enough fairly to balance the whole of it. We take these points simply as matters of fact. We certainly do not wish to be understood as urging them by way of palliation or excuse for the wastefulness and fraud through the effects of which much of the debt has been contracted.

The whole of the funded debt of Philadelphia pays nominally six per cent. interest. A part of it, known as the "old" city 6s, affords the bondholders only 5 95-100 per cent., on account of a tax which is taken off the interest before payment. The taxed loans have of late been selling in the Brokers' Board at about par and accrued interest, and the untaxed at two or three per cent. more than that. In other words, the credit of the city, notwithstanding its gigantic liabilities, is such that the community are willing to lend it money at less than six per cent. interest. Two or three years ago, owing to some little eccentricities in the management of the municipal finances, the untaxed loans fell, without the occurrence of anything to affect the general price of first-class investments, to a little below par, and remained so for a long period. Philadelphia was astounded. That in a time when there was no war and no financial convulsion, more than six per cent. interest should be demanded by capitalists on the funded debt of the city, showed a state of affairs that was almost incredible. The people had borne a great deal from their public servants. They had inhaled the odors of the dirty streets; their vehicles had been racked and their horses worried by the ragged pavements; they had strained their eyes by the light—or the want of it—afforded by the miserable gas; they had seen their taxes increased to an alarming extent, and the proceeds wasted on unprincipled politicians, or worse than wasted in election frauds and legislative bribery. But the idea of the untaxed "city 6s" being permanently worth in the stock market less than the amount indicated on their face was too dreadful to be endured. The waste of the city's money, they seemed to think, was an evil which so wealthy a community might repair. The deterioration of the city's credit was another matter, and, in the view of many of them at least, a much more serious one.

Reckless as was for some years the expenditure of public money in Philadelphia, and unnecessary as has been much of the increase of its debt, careful management and rigid economy from this time forward would, in all probability, after a few years render the burden a comparatively light one. The population is steadily increasing, and the wealth of the people is growing still more than their numbers. Affairs in the City Government now are much better than they were two years ago. The reform movement has not been valueless. But there is still plenty of room for improvement. The time has not yet come, nor from present appearances is it likely soon to come, when the friends of reform can afford to relax in any degree their efforts.

STREET-BEGGING.

Beggars were once rarely to be seen in our streets, but they are frequent enough now. In certain up-town streets there are fixed stations, where beggars come on their beats as regularly as the Police. No one can walk through portions of Fourteenth, Fifteenth, and Twenty-third streets, for instance, especially after dark, without a probability of being beset by these suppliants; and certain parts of Fifth avenue are equally infested. We do not understand why these "regulars" are not dealt with by the Police. But besides the "professionals," who have their own exclusive field, there are numbers of others of whose existence the Police seem to be unaware. These are shabbily-attired men, often of good address, who accost people in a quiet and polite manner, at all times and in all places. According to their own account, they are absolutely destitute, and if the shades of evening are impending, they ask for bed as well as supper. It is so distressing to a kind-hearted man to think of a person passing the whole night on a doorstep, a prey to the pangs of hunger, that aid is very frequently given. Most of the persons who afford this aid do so with the conviction that in the majority of cases their charity is misapplied, and are induced to give solely from the feeling that there is no public source of relief open to the distressed.

Now, the regular professional street beggars could be in a considerable degree suppressed by the Police in a week by employing a dozen constables, in private clothes, to watch their proceedings and make the requisite arrests. As regards the other class, the case is different. Although most of the "respectable" beggars are frauds, a considerable number are clerks, mechanics, and laborers out of place, and other persons of that numerous order whose tendency it unfortunately is to gravitate toward great cities directly fortune frowns upon them. The proper way for the public to deal with mendicants of this class is never to give them money, but to offer them tickets of such societies as the Branch of the Y. M. C. Association, at No. 134 Bowery. The association sells these to any one desiring to buy them. They entitle the bearer to food or lodging, or both, as the case may be. It would be very desirable if this admirable society, whose services in no slight degree mitigated the acute distress produced by the panic, could adopt some system for keeping a still more efficient check on the recipients of its bounty. This might surely be managed with very little trouble by numbering and stamping their tickets, which are in packages of ten to the dollar, and making a note of the name and address of the purchaser. Were this course to be pursued, the Secretary could immediately communicate with the person giving a ticket to any applicant known to be undeserving. At present, if such a person presents his ticket, he usually gets one meal, but is told not to show his face again; but this need not prevent his continuing to get tickets and selling them. Again, an officer of the Sanitary Police is stationed at the house in the Bowery, but the men detailed for this duty are taken at random from the force, whereas, were the same men always to be employed, they would readily detect the mendicants who habitually prey on charity, and could assist the society in foiling their efforts.

We offer such suggestions, however, with great diffidence, knowing full well the difficulties which surround the task of administering charity judiciously; but at the same time strongly impressed with the conviction that if the association could render its powers of defeating the habitual beggar rather more active, it would do almost all that we need in the way of relieving the casual male alms-seeker, who, thanks in no small degree to that reckless money-giving in the street which has demoralized and pauperized thousands, has now become so frequent a nuisance here. Let people remember that giving money in the street too often makes beggars, drunkards, and criminals.

"UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF LIQUOR."

"No cause is assigned for the deadly collision other than that they were under the influence of liquor." This is the brief commentary on the telegraphic dispatch announcing another of those fatal affrays unhappily too common in the South-west. Up to last Thursday Messrs. GARNER, "SAM." REEDER, "LARK" MILAM, and "SIM.," GEORGE, and W. MCCOY, residents of Cherry Creek, in Pontotoc County, Miss., had all been friends. More than that, they were all kinsfolk. But they were also given to two practices which neither the dearest friendship nor the closest relationship can long withstand—drinking whisky and carrying pistols. The dispatch does not specify more particularly the incidents of the affray, nor is it necessary. One can readily conjecture the details of the occurrence, the party lounging and drinking in the country grocery, such as that celebrated establishment of Mr. Bascum's, at Confederate X Roads, as described in the veracious narratives of Rev. Petroleum Nasby; the maudlin discussion, ending in dispute; the angry words of insult and menace; the drawn pistols, and then, in an instant, murder and sudden death. GARNER was shot dead on the spot. MILAM was badly wounded. One of the MCCOYS had an arm broken, and another was seriously hurt. And so a feud was begun which will result in many more murders, and perhaps carry its message of revenge and slaughter to generations yet unborn.

Comment on such events as this is needless. An Arkansas paper lately stated that whisky and the carrying of concealed weapons were the two curses of the South. In a greater or less degree, they are the curses of the entire country, and are probably responsible for more bloodshed than any other agency whatever. They had their share undoubtedly in fomenting and keeping alive in Arkansas what came near developing into civil war, and every day, in the Southern and South-western States, they are bearing bitter fruit in such deeds of violence as this at Cherry Creek. The drunkard's anger is as blind as it is unmeaning, and the ready pistol within his grasp may be leveled in a moment at his best friend. So, the other night in Brooklyn, a drunken father shot his eldest boy, who was endeavoring to bring him home. And so nightly all over the country, pistol-carrying drunkards are shooting, in moments of delirium, those who are perhaps nearest and dearest to them.

The cure for the evil it is not easy to specify. Prohibition has done little to cure the vice of dram-drinking, to which even the crusading movement of the West seems to have given but a momentary check. It has been repeatedly decided that pistols do not come under the provisions of the law against concealed weapons, and the constitutional right of the people to carry arms is wrested into a license for every drunkard to bear with him constantly the means of instant death. The difficulty is not easily solved. But if it be essential to the public liberties that revolvers should be as common and as handy as tooth-picks, at least something might be done in the way of limiting their habitual use to such men as have shown themselves entitled to the privilege. To accord such a license to habitual drunkards, or even to habitual drinkers, is much like giving an infant a can of nitro-glycerine for a plaything. And if a precedent is to be established in the case of the Policeman DOYLE, who appears to have escaped the penalty of hanging because he committed murder when irresponsible from drink, there is additional reason for depriving of the implements of murder men who are in the habit of making themselves irresponsible.

"SPARE THE HORSES."

This is the humane suggestion made to the public by one, at least, of the street railroad companies through the medium of a notice posted inside the cars. Passengers are requested to obey it by getting on or off the cars only at the street-crossings, thereby saving the horses much of the heavy strain which frequent stoppages involve. It is not as much attended to as it deserves to be, and, so far as our experience goes, women are the most neglectful of it. But while some good may be done by directing public attention more immediately to it, we are at the present moment more concerned in bringing it under the notice of the companies themselves. If they fail to practice their own precepts, they must not blame the people if they neglect them also.

In these columns we long ago showed the unfitness of most of the horses owned by the companies for the work required of them, and the suggestions then made met with some measure of favorable attention. But the evil still exists. A ton weight is usually considered a very fair but sufficient load for a good draught horse. Now, most of the animals on the street railroads are certainly not qualified to rank under that designation; some of them, indeed, are miserably poor creatures. But making allowance for the fact that the loads they draw are on the tramways, it may not be unreasonable to estimate their work in accordance with the stated rule. On several days last week, the number of passengers on some of the open cars of the Third Avenue Line were observed, at the time when the traffic was returning up town. The lowest number in nine instances was 78, the highest 88, and the average 82.5. Taking the average weight of each person at 150 pounds, we have, including the driver and conductor, a load of 12,675 pounds, exclusive of the weight of the car itself. Even if the roads were perfectly level, this would imply no small amount of exertion for the best horses now in possession of any of the companies. But the roads are far from being level, and the sufferings which many of the poor animals undergo in dragging heavy burdens up the gradients of the Third avenue, with constantly-repeated stoppages, are such as to justify some interference in their behalf. While the companies persistently resist the introduction of that rapid transit which our citizens demand, it is not too much to require that they should do something to mitigate the sufferings of the animals they use.

AMUSEMENTS.

"GRACE GREENWOOD'S" ENTERTAINMENT.

An entertainment consisting of recitations, by "Grace Greenwood" and Mrs. Ames, attracted to Steinway Hall, last evening, a large and brilliant audience. Few performances of so simple a nature afford equal pleasure. As a rule a recitation is but a dull affair, but yesterday's was both interesting and amusing. For upward of two hours the performers kept their guests in capital spirits. Mrs. Ames' semi-histrionic efforts were those of a lady of rare intelligence and culture, and "Grace Greenwood's" impersonations were marked by so keen a perception of humor and pathos, and by so much variety and finish of expression, that the question must have arisen whether literature's gain was not the stage's loss. "Grace Greenwood" makes up—if we may use the term—with consummate art, and her delivery, in each of the different characters she portrayed, was as distinctly appropriate as her appearance. Her Eastern country-dialect was particularly good, and its effect was unfailing. A burlesque upon Longfellow's "Excelsior" was greeted with roars of laughter, and "Deacon Monroe's Story," narrated, seemingly, by the deacon himself—the upper part of the speaker's form being alone visible, while the tale of the kiss is told by the penitent elder—was almost as telling. The reciter, while allowing the comic element to have its right influence, gave due color to the touching side of Carleton's "Over the Hills to the Poor-house." The entertainment closed with "Grace Greenwood's" sketch of a being of her own creation—*Miss Tabitha Tattle*, compared with whose curiosity that of *Paul Pry* sinks into insignificance. The correspondent's Washington life supplied her with abundant material for hits at prominent personages upon whom *Miss Tabitha's* inquisitorial eye is supposed to have been directed; and her account of an executive session caused much merriment. Mrs. Ames' contributions to the programme included several scenes from "Macbeth" and from "The School for Scandal;" these were interpreted with taste and considerable elocutionary skill.

"OLIVER TWIST" AT THE FIFTH AVENUE.

The familiar dramatic version of Dickens' "Oliver Twist" was acted, and very well acted, at the Fifth Avenue Theatre Tuesday evening. The author of this version has not sought to fashion from the book a coherent and well-developed play, but merely to present a series of scenes chosen from among the best in the book. Variety has thus been secured, several incidents of uncommon impressiveness relieving the comedy business, which rather preponderates. Aware that not one reader out of a hundred is ignorant of the story of "Oliver Twist," we need but hint at the portions of it used by the dramatist to give a satisfactory idea of his material. The first act of the play shows *Oliver* at school with *Fagin*, the theft from *Mr. Brownlow* in front of the book store, and the episode of the Police Court. The second act brings forward *Monks*, and introduces *Nancy*, whose kidnapping of *Oliver* leads to the return of the lad to *Fagin's* den. In the third act the robbery of *Mr. Brownlow's* house is planned, and its execution, which nearly costs *Oliver* his life, supplies a final tableau. In act the fourth, the murder of *Nancy* and the death of *Fagin* are the principal events. The personation of most interest at the Fifth Avenue Theatre was certainly Miss Davenport's *Nancy Sykes*. In conception it does not differ widely from the same artist's *Ruth Tredgett*, but it is a much more ambitious and sustained effort. Miss Davenport, to our thinking, was at her best in the culmination of the second act, when defending *Oliver* and menacing *Fagin*. Miss Davenport's acting was, at this point, very spontaneous and very forcible. She was twice recalled after the curtain had fallen. Her struggle with *Bill Sykes* was extremely dramatic, also, but was not so effective as the earlier situation. But we were heartily glad that Miss Davenport did not add to the horror of the picture by reappearing and dragging herself over the whole stage in pursuit of the murderer. With the *Nancy Sykes* of the evening, Bijou Heron's portrayal of *Oliver Twist* is to be cited as a very pretty and touching sketch. The remaining roles were all responsibly filled. Mr. Louis James as *Sykes* was in sufficiently grim earnest, and Mr. Fisher kept to tradition as *Fagin*. A remarkably natural and telling little sketch was that of *Mr. Grimwig*, by Mr. John Moore. Mr. Lewis, as *The Artful Dodger*, caused as much laughter as usual by his eccentricities. It is almost superfluous to note that "Oliver Twist" is faultlessly set; the night view of *Mr. Brownlow's* house, in the third act, is so wonderful in its truthfulness to nature, that the boughs of a real tree, placed below the canvas foliage, mingle with it to the perfect deception of the eye. We append the full cast of the piece, about the successful revival of which the applause Tuesday left not a particle of doubt. The parts are distributed thus:

Oliver Twist	Bijou Heron
Mr. Brownlow	Mr. D. Whiting
Mr. Grimwig	Mr. John Moore
Mr. Bumble	Mr. William Davidge
Monks	Mr. Hart Conway
Noah Claypole	Mr. J. G. Peakes
Giles	Mr. Gilbert
Brittles	Mr. Beekman
The bookseller	Mr. J. Devean
Officer of the court	Mr. Sullivan
Mr. Justice Fang	Mr. George Devere
Mr. Bill Sykes	Mr. Louis James
Mr. Fagin	Mr. Charles Fisher
Toby Crackit	Mr. Peakes
Mr. John Dawkins	Mr. James Lewis
Charley Bates	Mr. F. Chapman
Nancy Sykes	Miss Fanny Davenport
Mrs. Corney	Mrs. G. H. Gilbert
Rose Maylie	Miss Adelaide Lennox
Mrs. Bedwin	Miss Nellie Mortimer
Charlotte	Miss Nina Varian

PROF. HERRMANN'S PERFORMANCES.

It should not be forgotten that Prof. Herrmann's sojourn at the Academy ends with this week. The admirer of prestidigitatorial feats will not soon have an opportunity of witnessing tricks performed with equal definess. At the Professor's benefit performance, to occur to-morrow evening, some rare attractions are promised.

THE ABSENCE OF THE BONNET.

From the Pall Mall Gazette, May 8.

The name of the bonnet, we believe, still survives for a curiously-exaggerated ornament of the hair; and it is possible that in the female mind, the subtle ways of which are unsearchable, some kind of historical unity with respect to the article has been kept up, so that women may still imagine that they wear bonnets. But, as men understand things, bonnets have ceased to be. It is the most complete innovation of dress made for many years. We are not at all setting up the past against the present. The existing female fashion is always in our judgment, the most charming; it is so for the reason that it is the only one embellished by actual wear. Not one of the old ones has a single pair of bright eyes or rosy cheeks to recommend it. Besides, the celestials surely need not ask those to whom they show themselves how they are to appear. If male beholders are justified in any supplication of a critical kind it is when they ask that women should reveal, not hide, their faces; and in leaving of the bonnet, the sex has gone to the full limit in that point of their attire. No woman in England now conceals a single feature. Forehead, cheeks, dimpled or undimpled chins, ear-tips, all are visible.

In speaking of the change of appearance caused by the absence of the bonnet, we know better than to be critical; we are dealing with it only as a matter of abstract speculation and respectful semi-indecence. First of all it undeniably does away with a striking difference previously observed between the indoor and outdoor look of women. A bonnet more or less transformed the wearer; in some cases the alteration it made was inexplicably great. The change might not always be advantageous, at times it was decidedly so; but in every case there was change of some sort and degree. This is clean gone. Now we see women indoors and outdoors, with just the same play of light and shade upon the countenance; that is with all the light possible to fall upon it. It is true, other parts of dress in the same way are becoming modified. For some seasons past feminine drapery has been growing less and less concealing. Our streets promise to show us crowds of ladies as little reticent of the principal lines of the feminine contour as in the seclusion of home. Every year the celestials become kinder, increasingly revealing themselves to casual beholders. Men have never yet faced the streets with wholly uncovered visage. The narrowest of hat-brims has always cast a little modest shadow on the masculine features. No doubt the ladies will say the creature is bold to show his face at all; but our present topic is bonnets, and we must keep to it.

Bonnets, during the vogue of some styles, used to produce wonderful effects on the complexion of the wearers. Softened gleams of reflected light, faint tints of welcome color, not seen when the face was no longer within the bonnet, trembled there as long as it was observed in that conjunction. Mistakes were fearful, we admit. At times cheeks glowed like a sunset or turned of indescribable hues, even greenish. How it was done one may not pretend to know. We fancy we heard something about silk and satin linings; but these are high mysteries. Then, besides being in that way a positive resource of the toilet, a bonnet, within the limits of manageable dimensions, lent itself to a skillful art of wearing. A face conscious of its attractiveness could bewitchingly balk the gaze, or else cut the vision at almost any selected stage of incompleteness. By means of the bonnet a woman could vary the profile view through a series of moon-like phases, the charming vision obscuring and eclipsing slowly. Your coquettish lady knew to half an inch the exact set of the head required in each case; it was necessary feminine accomplishments. All this is over. The tantalising persistence of the bonnet which would not turn to give the opportunity of a second look, after the first hasty one is gone; male artifice is no longer needed to obtain full inspection. A beauty across the threshold can no longer willfully hide. The face, no matter how fair, is there for all to see, and for all to see all of it. A beautiful face hidden inside a bonnet gave the finder a sense of personal and exclusive discovery. This enjoyment no man can now have. Extreme bonnets there were at some periods which made discovery impossible; the range of the human vision was not sufficient to ascertain what really was at the far end of them. But extremes may fairly be omitted from observation.

What is now worn—we must not say in the place of the bonnet, but in a part of the place of the bonnet—is, then, an exaggerated ornament of the hair. The essential characteristic of the bonnet is that it modifies the face; whatever variations fashion takes it through, it must keep some power of affecting the light and shade on the features. So soon as what is worn diminishes to a degree which prevents this, or is wholly removed from vicinage to the countenance, the male intellect, at any rate, requires that is should take another name. It has ceased to be a bonnet. What is at present worn has no relation to the face—its obvious purpose is to display the hair. This is not merely another purpose; it is something contrary. The hair is a characteristic female charm which until recently it was a long-standing English custom not fully to display. It was an indoor disclosure, greatly restrained there. Now a good deal more than every inch of it is ostentatiously exposed to the public gaze. For that has happened which a moment's thought is enough to show was inevitable. The hair is a charm in which women are very unequally endowed; but it is also one in which deficiencies can be most easily rectified. Under the stimulus of the abiding purpose which every woman has to be behind no other woman in what is admired, all the sex now presents the same incredible wealth of tresses. This has gone on till the adornment of the head has lost all natural character; it has become an accepted and understood artificial construction. Faith, however, is a much neglected duty, and here is a fresh opportunity for its cultivation. Men ought always to make an effort to believe. In any case, this is the last proof possible of the kindness of the sex: they now publicly show men the whole of their faces, and more than the whole of their hair. It was possible in the latter respect to go further, and they have gone further.

The fashion has now been in existence so long that there are women, no longer juvenile, who have never worn a genuine bonnet. Whenever the ladies think they have shown men enough of their cheeks and too much of their tresses, the bonnet will doubtless come back again. Is it possible that a certain bewitching modest style of

SOCIAL SCIENCE.

EVENING SESSION OF THE ASSOCIATION.

PAPERS BY D. A. WELLS, PROF. BENJAMIN PEIRCE, AND GARDINER G. HUBBARD.

For morning and afternoon sessions see page 3.

There was a fair attendance at the evening session of the American Social Science Association, Mr. Charles Moran presiding. Three important papers were read and discussed. The first was by Mr. D. A. Wells on "National Principles of Taxation;" the second by Prof. Benjamin Pierce, of Cambridge, Mass., on "Ocean Lanes for Steam-ship Navigation," and the third by Gardiner G. Hubbard, of Boston, on "American and European Railroads." Mr. Wells' paper was sharply criticised by Mr. Moran, and Prof. Peirce made his paper interesting by a diagram showing the existing ocean routes of the various steam-ship lines. He strongly advocated the adoption of the route now pursued by the Cunard Line, which was safer than all others, and except in case of a fog there could be no collision. A brief discussion followed Prof. Peirce's paper, and a committee was appointed to consider and report upon the subject. Below is a report of the proceedings.

PAPER BY DAVID A. WELLS ON RATIONAL PRINCIPLES OF TAXATION.

Mr. David A. Wells next read the following paper on "Rational Principles of Taxation:"

The elements of sovereignty, State or political, are, in the main, two—control or jurisdiction over all persons, citizens of the State or "body politic," and control and jurisdiction over all things within the territory over which sovereignty is exercised. Without the possession of these powers there can be no complete and independent sovereignty—in fact, no stable government—and we may even go further and assert that the difference between different forms of government essentially resolve themselves into the manner in which their powers are exercised. Thus a government, whatever be its name, is despotic just in proportion as their exercise is arbitrary, capricious, and unlimited; and, on the other hand, a government is truly full, just in proportion as their exercise is restricted from abuse, as just in proportion as the paramount good of the whole State is made the sole condition of their usury. The history of the rise and growth of their restrictions on sovereignty, which is the same thing as the history of civil liberty, has this curious feature overlooked, it seems to me, in a great degree by historians, and in this country certainly at the present time not a matter of any special interest to the masses: namely, that progress in the direction of freedom and intelligence in respect to the manner and extent in which it shall exercise authority and jurisdiction over persons, and the manner and extent in which it shall exercise authority and jurisdiction over property or things, has not been and is not now, coextensive and co-ordinate. Thus, contrary to what might be supposed, the world has not progressed far in greater freedom, between the people on the one hand and despotic rulers on the other, during the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, will almost always be found to have hid their inception in arbitrary acts commenced in the interest of property or things, has not been and is not now, coextensive and co-ordinate. Thus, contrary to what might be supposed, the world has not progressed far in greater freedom, between the people on the one hand and despotic rulers on the other, during the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, will almost always be found to have hid their inception in arbitrary acts commenced in the interest of property or things, than in respect to persons—a condition of things travestied in the story of the merchant who, when stopped upon the highway, truthfully exclaimed in his fright, "Spare my money. O good Mr. Highwayman, but spare my life!"

On the other hand, within the present century especially, the direct relations of sovereignty have been so well defined and restricted in the interests of freedom that little now remains in English-speaking countries to be accomplished. The right of person, the freedom in one's movements, the arbitrary arrest, the writ of habeas corpus, liberty of speech and of worship, trial by jury, exemption from excessive and unusual punishments—all these are now so well established and incorporated into the spirit of the laws of the constitutional form of government that they have ceased to be matters of controversy or even topics of conversation. But in respect to the methods by which the State shall exercise sovereignty over property, there has been of late but little or no practical progress in the spirit of liberty and intelligence, if, indeed, there has not been retrogression in the spirit of injustice and despotism, and the people—at least in the United States—apparently content with limiting the right of ancient domain to strictly public purposes, and coupling its exercise with the condition that just compensation shall be made for personal property taken for public uses; and with also restricting the initiation of all laws providing for the taking of private property for the necessities of the State in its form of constitutional rules elected directly by popular suffrage, display little further interest in the questions whether the powers thus delegated to their agents are exercised in the spirit of freedom and equity; whether they tend to promote an equal or unequal distribution of property, and, above all, whether they tend to elevate or lower the standard of public morality.

ILLUSTRATIONS AND EXAMPLES.

In support of this view the following may be cited as illustrations and examples: The war of the rebellion was undertaken for and in the end accomplished the abolition of that form of slavery which denied to a class of persons in this country the ownership of their persons and the full enjoyment of the fruits of their labor; and yet the war, after effecting all this, left upon the statute-book the principle of slavery in another form intact. For any system of law which arbitrarily and for the purpose of conferring special interests affirms that one person may trade freely with a second, but shall not with a third, thereby denies to the persons subject to that law the enjoyment of the highest right of property, namely, its free exchange, takes from them a part of the fruits of their labor for the benefit of others, and therefore of necessity reaffirms the principle of slavery. The argument that is generally put forward in justification of such legislation, that any present injury to individuals or society will be fully compensated by some future indirect good, is just as illegitimate and unsound as the plea that certain people used to put forward in justification of negro slavery, that it really was for the good of the persons enslaved, and that any sufferings by the slave for the good of society—meaning thereby their masters—would be fully compensated in the world to come. Again, during the present month, a member of Congress rose in his place in the House of Representatives, and presented a bill providing for the levying of an income tax of five per cent. on the income of all persons when the same shall exceed $5,000, a tax of ten per cent. on so much of the income of all persons as shall be in excess of $5,000; and the other members of the House sat by and heard the proposition and no man entered a protest against its reception. And yet there was a principle involved in this same proposition which, if adopted and recognized by any Government in time of peace, would justly debar it from any just claim to the title of free and rank it in truth to the level of an Eastern despotism. To make this clear, let us suppose that it had been proposed to tax the income of red-haired men five per cent. and those of red-nosed men ten per cent., and to exempt all others, or to do as once actually was done in England, under an income tax law enacted in 1691—tax Catholics at rates double those imposed on Protestants. It is to be supposed that if any member of the House of Representatives had seriously risen with any such propositions, he would only have been hissed down, or else the opportunity relegated back by his constituents into obscurity. And yet is there any difference in the principle involved in these several propositions? Would there be any principle involved whatever other than the mere arbitrary and despotic exercise of power—the making the possession of a red nose or red hair, or the result of enterprise, skill, economy, talent, or the fortuitous circumstances of birth or happy accident, the occasion for inflicting a penalty? That was what substantially was done in the Middle Ages, when nobles were exempt from taxation because they were nobles, and the common people were taxed because they were villains or bondmen; when Jews were assessed because they were not Christians, and Catholics because they were not Protestants. It is generally supposed that the arrival of the nineteenth century put an end to such arbitrary proceedings; but history is said to repeat itself, and in this particular instance the field for its repetition would seem to be the United States. If it be said, as it doubtless will be in rejoinder, that the rich, by reason of their riches, are abundantly able to pay, and therefore should me made to, my answer is, that under an universal and uniform income tax (if there could be such a thing) they would only be required to pay an inevitable law and yet pay equitably; but that under an equal law, which takes from them because they are rich, the act of taking has no claim to be considered a tax, but is simply confiscation. And if the State may take five per cent. from the man with $5,000 income, and ten per cent. from the man with more than $5,000, why stop at these limits? We have not approximated the limit of the ability of the persons assessed to make contributions. Why not take more? Why not take all that such individuals receive in excess of the average income of the masses. Why not divide up and put every one on an equality? The individual proposing such a tax was, then, in theoretical intent, a communist of the most radical type; though if the trait could be known it would probably be found that he had not thought of the matter long enough to determine whether his matter was or was not unsocialist by any principle. During a debate in the House of Representatives during the present session also, a remark was made by a gentleman for whom I have a high respect, and because I have that respect will mention his name, Gen. Hawley, of Connecticut, to the effect that he rejoiced in the removal of the duties on tea and coffee, because these taxes especially fell upon the poorer classes of society. Now, according to my way of looking at the subject, Gen. Hawley would have spoken more correctly had he said, "I rejoice in the removal under existing circumstances of the duties on tea and coffee, because I am not a friend to the poor man, and desire to see him taxed more heavily." For Gen. Hawley will find it very difficult to name any taxes—and in using the term I mean equal and uniform assessments and not arbitrary taxings—which can possibly be laid which yield so much revenue to the State and which burden the poorer classes so little. It could not be the taxes on spirits and tobacco, for all investigation shows that the bulk of the revenue derived from such taxes is derived from the poor and not from the rich. It could not be the taxes on iron and wool, leather and lumber, for to tax primarily these necessities of common life is to give occasion for the creation of a multiplicity of other taxes, by reasons of interest and profits, which will be proportional in number to the number of agencies and processes through which each article passes on its way from a raw material to an elaborated product for consumption, and taxes on such materials, in addition, carry with them and entail the heaviest of all taxes, namely, enhancement of the cost of the instrumentalities or machinery of production, which forever duplicates and repeats itself.

PRICES IN LONDON AND NEW-YORK COMPARED.

In illustration of this point let any one examine the tables of prices for clothing in London which occasionally appear as advertisements in the New-York papers, and he will see that the cost of woolens in the United States is nearly or quite double the cost of similar goods in England, and yet no man can show that the English manufacturer, in the item of labor, has over six per cent. advantage over his American competitor in respect to the total cost of such fabrications. And that the existing taxes on such a luxury as silk do not fall lighter on the poor man than did the repealed taxes on tea and coffee, will also be apparent if we reason a little. Thus the revenue derived from these articles in 1870, when the duty was five cents per pound on the one and twenty-five cents on the other, was in round numbers $26,000,000, or at the rate of about fifty cents per head. Now the cost of a silk hat is increased by at least this amount, by reason of the taxes on its constituents to every man who annually purchases and wears one; as is the average stock of ribbons which most women annually purchase for their adornment. And if either man or woman add to their consumption of silk, the one in the way of a handkerchief for the neck, and the other by the purchase of a veil and a dress, the tax will be much greater; and to judge whether the poorer classes consume these articles, let an observation be made of the next procession in honor of St. Patrick or the next gathering in commemoration of emancipation, and silk in some form will be found to be an adjunct of the dresses of most of the participants. Looking, then, at this whole matter of the relations of sovereignty to property, either philosophically and in the abstract, or practically by the light of present experience, it seems difficult to understand how men who, in the ordinary pursuits of life rarely fail to judge correctly, and are quick to recognize and resist any act that infringes on personal liberty, nevertheless embrace and advocate propositions in regard to taxation which, applied as rules for the management of any ordinary business or department of civil polity, would be denounced by them as absurd, wasteful, despotic, and subversive of morality.

AN EXPLANATION—WHERE MORE SOCIAL SCIENCE LABORERS ARE NEEDED.

The only explanation which I can offer of this social phenomenon is that the economists, financiers, and statesmen who have carefully studied this subject, and the number is comparatively small, have thus far failed to formulate, or simply and collectively state in connection with evidence the truths in respect to which they are collectively agreed; and that in the absence of a general recognition of anything like fundamental principles, practice in taxation, at least in this country, has been almost wholly dependent on what is regarded as expediency, while accident and ignorance have had more to do in determining what is expedient than experience and intelligence. The result as a practical matter, therefore, is that in the United States there is now taken directly, under the name of taxes, from the capital or earnings of the people, by the national or State sovereignties, or their representatives, in round numbers, between $600,000,000 and $700,000,000 per annum, for various public purposes, or from one-eighth to one-fifteenth of the value of the entire annual product of the country. In fact in the first instance which finds no parallel in respect to magnitude in the experience of any other State or nation, and which in itself may go far toward affording an explanation of the exist

PERSONAL NOTES.

Hon. Harvey Jewell says that he is not going to Russia.

The lady crusaders, arrested in Cincinnati, woke up the next morning to find their full names, nationalities, and (O, horror!) ages published in the newspapers.

Judge Atocha, of New-Orleans, insists upon enforcing the law against carrying concealed weapons, without regard to the condition or efficiency of such weapon.

Hon. T. W. Park declines to be a candidate for the Republican nomination for Governor of Vermont. So says the Rutland *Herald* on the authority of a prominent politician of Bennington County.

J. D. B. Hooper, the youth who shot T. H. Phillips, an old merchant in Opelika, Ala., a year ago, because of an alleged slanderous remark concerning him, has been acquitted of the charge of murder.

Prof. Patton, the prosecutor of Rev. Dr. Swing, in Chicago, quoted from a sermon by the latter, and said: "I tell you there is a standard. I can set my moral watch by the sun of righteousness, and know that it is right."

Hon. John Francis, the New Treasurer of Kansas, has given a bond for $1,700,000, and the State papers remark that the absence of the name of any banker in the list of his sureties is a distinguishing feature of the document.

A convict in the Massachusetts State Prison has invented a process for closing gates at railroad crossings by the locomotive. His mind must have a queer beat. Most convicts would strive rather to devise some means of opening gates.

Lemuel Hartwell died in Baltimore while under the influence of chloroform on Monday, and the administering physicians decided that his death was caused by a "spasm of the heart, dependent upon fatty degeneration of that organ."

Ex-Gov. Seymour, in declining "peremtorily" to be a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor of the State, insists that he has done his share of public work and that he must be left now to the undisturbed enjoyment of private life.

In a private note of May 18, says the Hartford *Courant*, Gen. Hawley asks: "What is this story about my having written a letter advising Republican members of the Assembly to vote for Eaton? I never wrote anything of the sort."

James Saeger, who was arrested in Colorado under suspicion of complicity in the Benninghoff robbery, in the oil regions of Pennsylvania, has been released. The Central City *Register* intimates that young Benninghoff was not so anxious to have the crime punished as he was to get the money back, and that, moreover, he was not willing to risk much for the recovery of the money. The Denver officers had been to an actual expense of $500, but he thought $200 enough.

Denver papers note the return to that city of Miss Mattie Gaylord, of Boston, "the great tourist of the North-west and the Pacific coast," and say: "Five years ago she and her sister made this city their initial point of departure for a wonderful journey of 13,000 miles, which they accomplished with their own carriage, visiting every camp, settlement, village, and city in the Territories, and on the Pacific coast. Miss Gaylord is now en route to Australia, where she will spend the next two years in a similar explorative journey."

A young man in one of the Penobscot River towns in Maine, recently supposing himself to be upon his death-bed, quietly arranged his earthly affair, so far as he was able, and then astonished his weeping friends by the choice of an auctioneer to conduct the funeral services. "There's Mr. ——, down to Bangor," he said, "he's an easy, fluid talker, and I allers liked to hear him. I've had dealin's with him, an' allers found he got out things just about as they was. He's the man I want to talk to my funeral." But as the young man recovered after all the auctioneer lost the chance to declare him "gone."

Messrs. Charles A. Boutelle and Benjamin A. Burr have lately become sole owners of the Bangor (Me.) *Whig and Courier*, one of the most valuable newspaper properties in Maine. Mr. Burr has had long experience in the business as proprietor of the Bangor *Jefersonian*, and Mr. Boutelle, in his recent conduct of the *Whig*, under the proprietorship of Mr. Lynde, lately deceased, proved his efficiency. Mr. Boutelle is the editor under the present ownership, and undoubtedly will keep the *Whig* in its old position of an earnest and honest supporter of the principles of the Republican Party.

John Tyler, Jr., eldest son of the late President Tyler, has published a letter in which he says that no member of his father's family has ever had any legal controversy with his widow, her suits having been wholly with members of her own father's family. Mr. Tyler continues: "We know our father's wishes before his death in respect to the disposition of his estate, and without a will on his part would have respected them. Having bequeathed by will Sherwood Forest and all his other estate, both real and personal, to Mrs. Tyler, we all cheerfully acquiesced in his expressed wish without a murmur, accepting poverty with the termination of the war in which we were all actively engaged throughout the unhappy struggle on the side of the South. In conclusion, suffer me to add that, as we revere our father, we sincerely respect Mrs. Tyler, and regard her with filial feeling, having for her children the affection of brothers and sisters." This letter was called out by published statements giving a different view of the matter.

The Springfield (Ill.) *Journal* publishes a long communication from Mr. B. F. Irwin, an old resident of Sangamon County, and an intimate friend of the late President Lincoln, in which much testimony is brought to show that at least in early life, and until mature manhood, Mr. Lincoln was theoretically a Universalist, though he may not have had very definite views as to the dividing line between them and other denominations. A new rendering is given of the history of the skeptical manuscript which Mr. Lincoln is said to have prepared in 1833, Mr. Irwin's chief witness saying that, instead of being an attack upon Christianity, it was a defense of it. The same witness also says that the document destroyed by one of Lincoln's friends, as described by Mr. Herndon, was not this manuscript, but a letter about a young lady—Miss Ann Rutledge. Testimony is also presented to show that, when Mr. Lincoln, being the Whig candidate for Congress in opposition to the late Rev. Peter Cartwright, in 1847, was accused of infidelity, the charge was denied.

PRINCE BISMARCK AND COUNT ARNIM.

The Berlin correspondent of the London *Times* writes: "The controversy between Prince Bismarck and Count Arnim has led to an unpleasant éclat. You are aware that the misunderstanding was originally occasioned by the publication at Vienna of certain private letters on the Papal policy, written by Count Arnim five years ago. These letters representing the Count as anticipating the Ultramontane difficulty at a time when Prince Bismarck, the head of the diplomatic service, was held to believe in the possibility of preserving peace with Rome, the friends of the latter at once declared that the Count, who had long been on no very friendly terms with his chief, had caused his interesting epistles to be published so to show himself the more judicious and far-seeing statesman of the two. But others, taking the side of Count Arnim, retorted by charging Prince Bismarck with conniving at a publication which, as it was likely to give rise to a dissension between him and the author of the letters, might be expected to result in the resignation of a subordinate previously obnoxious to his chief. Either supposition being altogether opposed to the usages of the Prussian diplomatic service, it is probable that neither of them had anything to do with the matter, and that they have to thank the Ultramontanes for throwing this apple of discord into the Government camp. However this may be, though both parties deny being privy to the Vienna indiscretion, the latent antagonism between the two was fanned into a flame by the incident, and as a matter of course led to Count Arnim's leaving the service. Prince Bismarck carried on the war by publishing instructions sent to and reports received from Count Arnim when watching the Ecumenical Council on behalf of this Government. The Count, being charged with having held two opinions upon the Papal policy, defended himself by newspaper articles, and eventually sent a letter to Dr. Döllinger, which, when published by the addressee, left the writer no choice but to resign. This remonstrative letter, strongly worded as it was, is meekness itself in comparison to another the Count has just addressed to the editor of the *Spenersche Zeitung*. In this latest effusion the Count loudly complains of Prince Bismarck's violating diplomatic usage by printing his confidential report on the personal position and motives of Dr. Döllinger—a step which, he says, made it impossible for him to explain to the revered ecclesiastic why he took a less favorable view of the Old Catholic cause at the beginning than at the close of the council. The thing creates no little stir. A fend of this public nature between a Berlin Minister of Foreign Affairs and a member of the diplomatic service having hardly ever occurred before, a good deal of feeling and comment is elicited in all political circles. The most surprising feature in the business is the disproportion between cause and effect, a slight misunderstanding having led to a serious and irreparable breach. But, as I said before, it could not have occurred unless distrust had been long smouldering in the breasts of both, though there is but one answer to the question whether it ought to have occurred at all."

ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION OF ARISTARCHI BEY.

It is stated that Aristarchi Bey, a Turkish official of rank, has just been the victim to an intended assassination. A box, with key attached, was left addressed to him at the house of Saatet Pacha, Minister of Education, which, on his attempting to open it, exploded with violence, and dashed him to the ground. The house was shaken to its foundations, the ceiling of the room in which the box was opened fell in, and the windows were blown out bodily. The condition of the Bey is pronounced to be almost hopeless, and it is feared he will lose his sight if he recovers from his other injuries. The author of the disaster has not yet been discovered.

THE STATE OF TRADE.

BUFFALO, N. Y., May 20.—Cattle—Receipts to-day 670 head, making the total supply for the week thus far 6,580 head, or 1,405 cars, against 885 cars for the same time last week; market very lively at strong last week's prices, and, in some instances, an light stock, ½c. advance; there was the largest attendance of country buyers this year; stock more evenly distributed through interior towns and adjoining States than ever known before; Eastern buyers bought freely to-day, but not as heavily as usual. Heavy stock for Eastern trade rather slow; sold out in proportion to prices, lower for medium to common Cattle; about 2,000 were disposed of; sales of 1,360 Illinois Steers, ranging from 5½c to 1,400 lbs., at $5 50@$6 60; 300 Texas Steers, ranging from 955 to 1,140 lbs., at $5 25@$5 80; 325 Missouri do., ranging from 1,104 to 1,400 lbs. at $5 35@$5 40; 100 Iowa Steers, ranging from 861 to 1,234 lbs., at $6 10@$6 25; 100 Michigan Steers, ranging from 914 to 1,225 lbs., at $5 25@$5 75; 25 common Stockers, averaging 737 lbs., at $4 75; 16 Indiana Steers, averaging 1,111 lbs., at $5 40; 16 Ohio Steers, averaging 1,376 lbs., at $6 05; 22 Cherokee do., averaging 990 lbs., at $5 75. Sheep and Lambs—Receipts to-day, including reported arrivals, 600 head, making the total supply for the week thus far, 7,600 head, against 6,000 head for the same time last week; market slow at yesterday's rates; sales of Clipped Sheep at $5@$6 50; Wooled do., $6@$7 55; 1,000 Ohio Clipped Sheep, ranging from 80 to 93 lbs., sold at $6@$6 40; 550 Wooled Sheep, ranging from 82 to 93 lbs., at $6 75@$7 12½. Hogs—Receipts to-day, including reported arrivals, 1,300 head, making the total supply for the week thus far 6,500, against 12,200 for the same time last week; market active; run light; all the Hogs in the pens were disposed of; sales of Yorkers at $5 70@$5 75; heavy Hogs, $5 65@$5 70; choice lots a shade higher.

ST. LOUIS, May 20.—Flour firm and in good demand for low and medium grades; some sales higher; sales of Superfine Western at $3@$3 50; Extra do., $5@$6 60; Double Extra do., $6 75@$8 25. Wheat—Very small business; sales of No. 3 Spring at $1 26; sample lots of No. 3 Fall at $1 28. Corn steady for No. 2 mixed; 2c.@3c. higher for White Mixed; sales of No. 2 Mixed at 68½@68¾c., on track; White Mixed, 68c.@71c., closing at the inside price. Oats easier at 55c. for No. 2, on track. Barley dull and nominal. Rye quiet but firm at $1 21. Bran steady at Iowa and Kansas. Rye quiet but firm at $1@$1 02. Whisky lower at 96c. Pork firm and advancing at $18 50 for cash and order lots. Dry-salted Meats stiff; sales of Clear Rib Sides at 9c. cash at Chicago City and buyer June at St. Joseph; Clear Sides at 9¾c., buyer May. Bacon higher at 7¾c.@7¼c. for Shoulders, 10¼c.@10½c. for Clear Rib Sides, 10¾c.@10¾c. for Clear Sides; Shoulders, 8c. July; Clear Sides, 10¾c., buyer May. Lard nominally higher. Hogs higher at $4 50@$5 for Light, $5 15@$5 40 for Bacon, and $5 40@$5 60 for Butchers'. Cattle active and firm at $2 25@$4 25 for native Cows and Heifers, $4@$4 50 for fair Butchers', $5@$6 for prime to choice Steers. Receipts, 4,000 head; shipments, 1,000 head. Receipts, 2,000 bushels Corn, 21,000 bushels Oats, 2,200 Hogs.

CHICAGO, May 20.—Flour dull and unchanged. Wheat active and higher; closed easier; sales of No. 1 Spring at $1 27¼@$1 27½; No. 2 do., $1 23¼ for regular, $1 23½ for strictly prime; spot, $1 23½@$1 24¼, June; $1 24¾, July; No. 3 do., $1 18; Rejected, $1 07. Corn in good demand at 52¾c.@52¾c. for No. 2 Mixed, cash; 52¼c.@53¼c., June; 53½c.@53¾c., July; Rejected, 50c.@51c.; High Mixed, 54c.@54½c. Oats firm and in fair demand; closed easier; sales of No. 2 at 38c.@38¾c., cash; 47¾c., June. Rye firm and scarce at $1. Barley quiet but firm. Pork advanced and in fair demand at $17 20@$17 25, spot, closed nominal at $17 30; June, $17 50. Lard active and higher at $10 75@$10 85. Bulk Meats active and higher at 6¼c. for Shoulders, 9¾c. for Clear Rib Sides, Clear Sides unchanged at 9¾c. Freights—Corn to Buffalo, 3½c.@4c. Receipts—7,000 bbls. Flour, 79,000 bushels Wheat, 59,000 bushels Corn, 2,000 bushels Rye, 19,000 bushels Barley.

OSWEGO, N. Y., May 20.—Flour steady and unchanged; sales of 1,500 bbls. at $7 75 for No. 1 Spring; $8 20 for Amber Wheat; $8 for White; $10 for Red; $10 for Double Extra. Wheat in moderate demand, part speculative; sales, 8,000 bushels choice White Canada at $1 32; 15,000 bushels fair do. on private terms; 2,000 bushels No. 1 Milwaukee Club, in store, at $1 48; round lots of the latter offered at $1 46. Corn dull. Corn-meal, $1 70 for Soiled; $1 65 for Unbolted, ₱ cwt. Millfeed unchanged; Shorts, $30; Shipstuffs, $32; Middlings, $33, ₱ ton. Canal Freights higher on Grain; boats scarce: Wheat 8c., Corn 7½c., Peas 7½c. to New-York; Lumber, $3 25 (by the Hudson, $4 to Newburg, $4 to New-York. Railroad Freights—Flour, to Boston, $50c.; to New-York, 40c.; to Albany, 35c. Lake Receipts—7,400 bushels Wheat, 14,100 bushels Corn, 3,300 bushels Rye, 12,500 bushels Peas, 764,000 feet Lumber. Canal Shipments—29,200 bushels Wheat, 5,400 bushels Corn, 2,002,000 feet Lumber.

BUFFALO, N. Y., May 20.—Lake and rail imports for the last twenty-four hours—Flour, 19,763 bbls.; Wheat, 104,400 bushels; Corn, 67,221 bushels; Barley, 38,700 bushels; Barley, 450 bushels; Rye, 10,000 bushels. Canal Shipments—Wheat, 204,391 bushels; Corn, 126,752 bushels; Oats, 20,357 bushels. Rail shipments—Wheat, 98,554 bushels; Corn, 59,995 bushels; Oats, 28,700 bushels. Canal Freights—Wheat, 12 bushels; Corn, 11 bushels; Oats, 7 bushels. Flour active; Western at $5 75@$7; Genesee, $6 75@$7 25; Extra December, $7 50@$8; White, $8 25@$8. Wheat scarce and in good demand; quoted—Milwaukee, No. 1 Spring, $1 21 45; do. No. 2 do., $1 38; Sheboygan Spring, $1 40; Red Winter, $1 30; White Winter, $1 40@$1 73. Corn active, and at the close advanced 2c.; sales, 80,000 bushels No. 1 Mixed Western at 71½c.; 20,000 bushels at 72c.; 10,000 bushels to arrive on private terms. Oats in good demand; sales, 7,000 bushels No. 2 Milwaukee at 57½c.; 1,000 bushels No. 2 Western at 57c., closing stronger. Barley—Sales, 2,000 bushels No. 3 Western at 81 65c.; 1,100 bushels Milwaukee at $1 20. Rye nominally $1 05. Barley-malt firm; Canada, $1 95@$2 05; Western, $1 80@$1 90. Other articles unchanged.

PHILADELPHIA, May 20.—Flour in fair demand for best grades, others neglected; Superfine, $4 75@$5 50; Extras, $6@$6 25; Wisconsin and Minnesota Extra Family, $6 75@$7 25; State, Indiana, and Ohio do., $7 50@$8; high grades, $8 12½@$10 25. Wheat dull and declining; Red, $1 55; Red Western, $1 65@$1 70; White, $1 72; sales, 53,000 bushels Spring on private terms. Rye steady; State, 98c. Corn in fair demand; Yellow, 87c.@88c.; Mixed, 86c.@86½c. Oats firm; White, 68c.; Mixed, 62c.@64c. Provisions—Demand good at full prices. Petroleum—Refined firmer at 25½c.@25½c.; Crude held 9¼c. Whisky held firmly at 95c. for Western, from-bound.

TOLEDO, May 20.—Flour steady. Wheat steady; No. 1 White Michigan, $1 55; Amber Michigan, $1 44½@$1 45, spot; $1 45½, June; No. 1 Red, $1 55; No. 2 Red, 1 44½; No. 2 Dayton and Michigan Red, $1 43; No. 3 Red, $1 35. Corn dull and lower; high Mixed, cash and May, 72c.; June, 69c.; August, 70½c.; September, 71c.; low Mixed, 68½c.; no grade, 67½c.; damaged, 62½c. Oats steady; No. 1, 52½c.; No. 2, 53½c.@53¾c.; Michigan, 54c. Freights dull and nominal. Receipts—1,000 bbls. Flour, 3,000 bushels Wheat, 9,000 bushels Corn, 3,000 bushels Oats. Shipments—2,000 bushels Wheat, 3,000 bushels Corn, 2,000 bushels Oats.

CINCINNATI, May 20.—Flour dull and unchanged. Wheat quiet, weak, and lower; sales of sample lots at $1 30@$1 40. Corn steady at 70c.@74c. Oats quiet and unchanged at 54c.@60c. Rye quiet, but firm; held at $1 15@$1 16. Barley quiet and unchanged. Butter easier; not quotably lower. Pork firm at $17 65 for Jobbing at $18. Lard strong at 11c. for Steam; 11½c. for Kettle. Bulk Meats firm at 6½c. for Shoulders, spot; 7¼c., buyer July; Clear Rib Sides, $9 06¼, spot; $9 50, buyer July; Clear Sides, 10¼c. Sugar-cured do., $6 26@$7 55; 1,000 Ohio Clipped Sheep, ranging from 80 to 93 lbs., sold at $6 36@$6 40; 550 Wooled Sheep, ranging from 82 to 93 lbs., at $6 75@$7 12½. Hogs—Receipts to-day, including reported arrivals, 1,300 head, making the total supply for the week thus far 6,500, against 12,200 for the same time last week; market active; run light; all the Hogs in the pens were disposed of; sales of Yorkers at $5 70@$5 75; heavy Hogs, $5 65@$5 70; choice lots a shade higher.

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THE REAL ESTATE MARKET.

At the Exchange yesterday, Wednesday, May 20, A. H. Ludlow & Co. sold by order of the Supreme Court in foreclosure, under the direction of F. C. Barlow, Esq., Referee, the four-story brown-stone house and lot 22.2 by 95, on the west side of Madison avenue, 22 feet south of Seventy-third street, to H. G. Leefe for $9,400 over mortgage and interest, amounting to $23,940; total $33,400.

James M. Miller sold by order of the Supreme Court in foreclosure, under the direction of S. Jones, Esq., Referee, the two houses and lots each 17.6 by 102.2, on the south side of Seventy-eighth street, 265 feet east of Second avenue, to E. J. Jaques for $9,800 each over mortgages and interest against each, amounting to $5,145; total for the two houses and lots, $15,890.

D. M. Seaman, for William Kennelly, sold by order of the Supreme Court in foreclosure, under the direction of Frederick Smyth, Esq., Referee, the three-story and basement brick house and lot 21 by 70, on the north-west corner of One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street and Fourth avenue, to Wm. Fisher for $16,200.

Dixey, Porter & Co. sold by order of the Supreme Court in foreclosure, under the direction of Thomas H. Landon, Esq., Referee, the four-story brown-stone house and lot 25 by 100.5, on the south side of Sixty-ninth street, 175 feet east of Madison avenue, to John C. Halligan for $28,850 over mortgage and interest, amounting to $35,100; total, $41,950. The same auctioneers offered the premises known as No. 153 West Tenth street, on the south-east corner of Waverley place, which was knocked down, but not sold, for $16,000. Also offered the premises known as No. 147 Waverley place, which was also knocked down, but not sold, for $18,000; and the premises adjoining, and known as No. 145 Waverley place, was then withdrawn from sale.

A. J. Bleecker, Son & White sold by order of the Supreme Court, under direction of A. R. Turner, special guardian of the estate of Stephen O'Hara, deceased, the lot of land 25 by 102.2 on the north side of Seventy-ninth street, 325 feet east of Tenth avenue, to Laura S. Forbes for $5,000.

Hugh N. Camp, by order of the Supreme Court, adjourned the Supreme Court foreclosure sale of the house and lot on the east side of First avenue, eighty-six feet north of One Hundred and Sixteenth street, and the Supreme Court foreclosure sale of the store and lot No. 253 Pearl street, to Saturday, May 23.

Concerning the sale of lots at Woodside, by J. E. & H. L. Hay, no report has been received, but will be printed as soon as forwarded.

TO-DAY'S AUCTIONS.

The auctions noted to be held at the Exchange to-day are as follows:

Thursday, May 21.

By A. J. Bleecker, Son & White, executors' resale of the four-story brick building, with lot 24 by about 53, No. 12 Fourth avenue, (Union square,) east side, between Fourteenth and Fifteenth streets. Also, the L shaped lot, with five-story brick store covering same thereon, known as No. 35 Murray street, and No. 60 Church street, the lot having a frontage of 25 feet on each street. Also, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, John S. Patterson, Esq., Referee, of three lots, each 25 by 99.11, on West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street, south side, 200 feet west of Seventh avenue.

By Hugh N. Camp, Supreme Court sale, Joshua T. Owen, Esq., Referee, of the large plot of ground bounded by Twenty-third and Thirteenth avenues, Eighty-ninth and Ninety-first streets, with water front, equal to about 115 City lots.

By Wm. Kennell, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, R. S. Roosevelt, Esq., Referee, of a house and lot, 25 by about 75, (irregular,) on West Sixty-eighth street, north side, 99.9 feet west of Broadway. Also, similar sale, John P. O'Neil, Esq., Referee, of one lot, 16.8 by 99.11, on West One Hundred and Twenty-sixth street, south side, 337.6 feet east of Seventh avenue as widened. Also, similar sale, R. F. Farrell, Esq., Referee, of four lots, each 25 by 99.11, on One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street, south side, 200 feet west of Seventh avenue as widened. Also, similar sale, Frederick Smyth, Esq., Referee, of lots, plots and unfinished buildings thereon, on Third avenue, Morrisania, Twenty-third Ward.

By James M. Miller, public auction sale of a lot 19.8 by 74, with three four-story brick buildings thereon, on Third avenue, south-west corner of Thirty-ninth street, together with a four-story brick house, with lot 24 by 32.8, in rear, fronting on Thirty-ninth street. Also, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, William C. Whitney, Esq., Referee, of seven lots, together forming a plot in size 164.6 by 99.8, with buildings, on East Twenty-second street, north side, 260.6 feet east of First avenue. Also, similar sale, John M. Scribner, Esq., Referee, of a house, with lot 16 by 92, on West Twenty-first street, south side, 400 feet east of Eighth avenue. Also, similar sale, J. W. Loveridge, Esq., Referee, of a house, with lot 16.8 by 92, on Prospect place, west side, 150.5 feet north of Forty-second street.

By Dingee, Porter & Co., Supreme Court foreclosure sale of a plot 45 by 93, with improvements on Avenue A, west side, 23 feet north of Nineteenth street.

By Sands & Garretson, Supreme Court foreclosure sale of the store, with lot 21 by 96, No. 273 Pearl street.

EXCHANGE SALES, WEDNESDAY, MAY 20.

NEW-YORK.

By E. H. Ludlow & Co.

1 four-story brown-stone house and lot, 22.2x95, on w. s. of Madison av., 80 ft. n. of 73d st.$38,400

By James M. Miller.

2 houses and lots, each 17.6x102.2, on s. s. of 78th st., 265 ft. e. of 2d av.$15,890

By William Kennelly.

1 three-story and basement brick house and lot, 21x70, on n. w. corner of 127th st. and 4th av.$18,200

By Dingee, Porter & Co.

1 four-story brown-stone house and lot, 25x100.5, on s. s. of 59th st., 175 ft. e. of Madison av.$41,950

By A. J. Bleecker, Son & White.

1 lot 25x102.2, on s. s. of 79th st., 225 ft. e. of 10th av.$5,000

RECORDED REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

NEW-YORK.

Thursday, May 12.

Ann st., n. w. corner Theatre alley, 20x30x26.1 x30.....$20,000
Bowery, No. 32, 12.3x100; Bowery, No. 32½, w. s., 38.3 ft. n. of Bayard st., 12.3x100.....35,500
Delancey st., n. s., 25 ft. w. of 1st st., 25x75.....18,700
Madison st., No. 109, w. s., 188 ft. w. of Market st., 20x100.....12,100
Old Manhattan Dutch road, w. s., 325 ft. s. of Wolf Farm, 50x125, to leased av., West Farms.....4,000
West Washington place, n. s., 194 ft. w. of Macdougal st., 24.8x100.....17,500
1st st., s. s., 125 ft. e. of Washington av., 25x100, Morrisania.....1,600
9th st., n. s., 313 ft. w. of Avenue C, 20x92.5.....2,000
31st st., No. 210 East, s. s., 450 ft. w. of 2d av., 20x98.9.....9,000
33d st., No. 210 East, s. s., 450 ft. w. of 2d av., 20x98.9.....12,750
33d st., n. s., 240.4 ft. w. of 6th av., 34.7x98.9.....50,000
38th st., n. s., 225 ft. w. of 7th av., 75x98.9.....70,000
46th st., n. s., 76 ft. e. of 2d av., 26x100.....19,000
49th st., n. s., 160 ft. w. of 10th av., 25x100.5.....3,800
58th st., n. s., 305 ft. e. of 3d av., 25x100.5.....30,000
60th st., s. s., 80.5 ft. e. of Lexington av., 19.7 x100.5.....25,400
84th st., n. s., 242 ft. w. of Madison av., 20x100.6.....26,000
Madison av., n. w. corner of 63d st., 20x93.....52,500
2d av., e. s., 50.5 ft. s. of 50th st., 20x60.....14,000
2d av., s. w. corner of 126th st., 100.10x110.....71,000

CITY RECORDER.

Chambers st., No. 191, Reade st., No. 188, 8 years, per year.....$3,200
Hudson st., No. 499, 5 years, per year.....1,500

LEASEHOLD.

Lot and stable in centre line block between 24 and 25 avs. and 124th and 125th sts., 32x25 ... with right of way.....$16,000

CITY REAL ESTATE.

TO EXCHANGE—A FINE BROWN-STONE HOUSE on Madison av., for a country place of twenty to fifty acres, or will exchange for a small house in New-York or Brooklyn, or will sell on reasonable terms.
WM. GEE, Owner,
corner of Elm and Franklin sts.

No. 675 FIFTH AV., FACING ST. THOMAS Church, a well-built and arranged first-class full-sized high-stone dwelling and lot—in fee simple; lowest price $50,000; easy terms. V. K. STEVENSON, Jr., No. 11 Pine st.

FOR SALE.—MUST BE SOLD, AT HARLEM, NEW brown-stone houses on 125th st., just west of 5th av., Nos. 9 and 11; mortgages made to suit; open from 9 till 5. Address J. M. FIELDER, No. 102 East 111th st.

FOR SALE—FOUR LOTS ON THE NORTH-EAST corner 58th st. and 11th av., 100x100; terms easy. Apply to JOHN S. DICKERSON & CO., corner Cliff and Fulton sts.

COUNTRY REAL ESTATE.

NO LOCALITY MORE HEALTHFUL THAN

RUTHERFORD PARK, N. J.

Forty minutes from foot of Chambers st. Dwellings and building sites for sale in great variety, and on new commodious terms. Houses built to order. Apply to Henry G. Bell, 41 Worth st.; F. W. Tomkins, 37 Park row; Robert S. Walker, 205 Broadway; George McKibbin, 49 Greene st.; John Barry, 156 Broadway; D. B. Ivison, 138 Grand st.; E. T. Wright, Agent Union Land Co., 4 Broad st., Room 11; S. J. Love, 245 Hudson st.; J. E. Beckwith, 316 Greenwich st.

AT TARRYTOWN WE OFFER FOR SALE A desirable property—six acres ground, a commodious and elegant dwelling-house, 9 warm rooms, all modern conveniences, surrounded by beautiful shade and fruit trees, sweeping an ridge way, and widely tastefully arranged; price now unsurpassed; price $35,000; terms to suit. J. F. WILLIAMS & SONS,
No. 270 West 24th st., corner 8th av.

AT NEW-HAMBURG, DUTCHESS COUNTY, N. Y.—Seventy-five acres, well fruited, and watered by springs; fine river views; dwelling 9 x52; hot and cold water and every convenience; gardener's cottage, stable, poultry-house, grapery, large garden; City property will be taken in exchange.
EDMUND COFFIN, No. 77 Cedar st.

MORRISTOWN, N. J.—FOR SALE OR TO LET, the handsomely furnished Summer residence of the late J. Compton, Esq., containing 12 acres of lawn and park, tastefully laid out with abundance of shade, ornamental, and fruit trees; stable, hot-houses, carriage and ice houses. Apply to HENRY TAYLOR, No. 4 Pine st.

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FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE FOR PROPERTY in New-York, a farm of nearly 200 acres on the Eastern shore of Maryland. Address Box No. 460, Morristown, N. J.

COUNTRY REAL ESTATE.

COUNTRY SEAT FOR SALE.

This property is situated one mile east of the depot of the New-York and New-Haven Railroad, at New-Rochelle, on an inlet of the Sound, the land running from what is known as the Boston turnpike to the water; the house is on an elevated position fifty feet above the water; is in the Gothic style, with post sockets in front; contains ten rooms, with large double parlors, large kitchen, with range, and water of the best quality brought in the house; wine, milk, and coal cellar; furnace heater of the largest size, furnishing the house and conservatory with sufficient heat. Conservatory twenty feet square on the westerly or parlor side of the house, and a fine grove of trees on the easterly side, with stable for seven horses, carriage-house, barn, chicken and cow houses, two small cottages for servants, (or can be let.) Boat or bathing house, good dock where at high tide vessels can come drawing six feet of water. Summer-house on the highest elevation of the land, with a fine view of the Sound for a long distance. There is a fine garden, with cold frames for early vegetables, and a very large number of choice pear and apple trees in full bearing, and many other kinds of fruit-trees, with all the kinds of small fruits, fine shade-trees, and shrubs in large variety. There are about twenty-five acres of land, mostly in grass, producing from twenty-five to thirty-five tons each season, worth seldom less than $1 50 per hundred pounds. The place is very beautiful and healthy, and suitable for a Summer or Winter residence, and is within five or six minutes' drive of the depot, and one hour to the depot at 42d st., and as soon as rapid transit will be established, can be done in much shorter time. Many improvements are going on in the immediate vicinity. The village of New-Rochelle, one mile from it, has several schools, and churches of all denominations.
BUCKLEY & RAYMOND, No. 135 Broadway.

FIRST-CLASS PROPERTY IN RICHMOND, Va., for sale.—The Monument Hotel in Richmond, Va., is for sale. It is the most eligible location in the South for a first-class hotel. Richmond is divided into Upper and Lower Town. The principal street on Shockoe Hill, (the Upper Town,) is Broad st.; that of the Lower is Main st. They run parallel to each other, and are intersected at right angles by 9th st., up and down which the street cars pass. The Capitol Square extends along 9th to Capitol st., and thence along Capitol, 10th, and Bank sts. to 9th at the beginning. The Capitol and Governor's mansion are situated in this square, upon which, between the Capitol and 9th st., is the equestrian statue of Washington by Crawford & Rogers. Grace st., one of the most beautiful and fashionable streets of the city, intersects 9th st. just in front of the Capitol gate. On the eastern corner is situated St. John's beautiful Episcopal Church, and on the western the Monument Hotel, flanked on Grace by St. Peter's (Catholic) Cathedral and the residence of the Bishop. The lot upon which the hotel stands fronts on 9th st. 163 feet, and on Grace st. 90 feet, but more than half the lot runs back from 9th st. 130 feet. It commands a view of nearly the whole city, and the lands on the opposite side of James River, the town of Manchester, the various bridges across the river, and the river for miles. So delightful a spot for a residence for Winter and Summer cannot be found in any other city, as many citizens of the North can testify. Being incorporated it can be purchased in shares. A BARGAIN. Refer to the owner, No. 601 Grace st., Richmond.

A LOVELY RESIDENCE FOR SALE, SUMmer and Winter family house, (17 rooms;) all the modern conveniences; elegant parlor, 37x19; large dining-room; fine kitchen, with stationary tubs; hot and cold water; first-class range; bath-room and water closets; furnace heaters; gas-pipes introduced in all the rooms; arranged for owner's use; handsome carriage-house, stables, coachman's rooms; all the requisite out-buildings, sheds, &c.; inclosed and entirely shaded by 1,000 perfect cedar, with 24 acres land; lawn, orchard, garden, flowers, fruit, magnificent views and very speculating building sites, one hour on the Erie Railway, near Ridgewood; no nuisances; no malaria; salubrious all the year round; picturesque drives and walks; most desirable neighbors; eligible alike for business, retirement, or pleasure; horses, carriages, implements, &c., if desired. Apply to W. A. BATCHELOR, No. 15 Broad st., New-York.

FOR SALE VERY LOW—A BEAUTIFUL PLACE at Bath, Steuben County, N. Y., ten minutes from depot; the house is two stories, of brick; square, with wing, and contains fourteen rooms, besides closets, store-room, bath-room, water-closets, &c.; appointments all of the best character; stone fence, wood, on both sides of the house, granite pillars for gateway, with iron gate; location very fine; built at an angle of two streets, and commanding a beautiful view; grounds elegantly laid out; plenty of shade and fruit trees; shrubbery and flowers in abundance; out-buildings ample, and of the best character; large ice-house, filled; price for the whole $6,000. Apply to HOMER MORGAN, No. 2 Pine st., where a photograph may be seen.

AT $10 MONTHLY OR $200 DOWN AND BALance in three years, (suit yourself,) a Flushing Park lot; price reduced to $600, which includes deed; shade and ornamental trees, stone sidewalks, excellent schools and church privileges, (10 churches;) fine boating and bathing, splendid drives; seven railroad depots; 120 trains daily, from 5 A. M. till 12:15 P. M.; fare, 6 cents. Take James Slip Ferry at foot Chambers st., or Thirty-fourth Street Ferry, and go to HITCHCOCK'S Land office, opposite Main Street Depot, in Flushing, or call for map at HITCHCOCK'S Real Estate Head-quarters, on 3d av., corner 26th st.

FOR SALE—AT WESTFIELD, N. J., ON THE CENtral Railroad, one hour from City, house and stable, three-quarters of an acre of garden; easy ten minutes' walk to depot; if there is anybody who has any money he can buy this property cheap; the cash value is $6,500; we want an offer; we will go any time with any one who means business.
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A FREE EXCURSION ON SUNDAYS TO Garden City Park by special train on Long Island Railroad to enable those who cannot go on week days to view the property. Tickets free at HITCHCOCK'S Real Estate Head-quarters, No. 355 3d av., corner 26th st. Train leaves depot at right-hand side of ferry at Hunter's Point at 10:30 A. M., and returns at 2 o'clock.

FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE—A VERY PRETTY country house, fifteen miles in New-Jersey; two acres; house, 38x40; price, $15,000, or will exchange for City house, between 4th and 6th avs., worth $25,000, giving $10,000 in cash, with country place. Address W., Box No. 402 Post Office.

AT IRVINGTON, ON HUDSON—A VERY DEsirable residence, with every improvement; two and one-quarter acres, tastefully laid out; fine river views; unexceptionable surroundings, and the whole in complete order; an immediate purchaser will secure a bargain.
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FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE—AT EYE NECK—A pleasant cottage house, with half an acre of ground; water front of sixty feet, and seventy feet on Boston turnpike road; one hour from New-York; plenty of fruit and shade trees; good lawn, &c.; a very pretty little small place. T. S. SHEPHERD, No. 181 Broadway.

FOR SALE—OR WOULD LEASE FOR A TERM OF years, or exchange for a City house, my delightful country seat in Scarsdale, Westchester County. Photographs of place and full particulars with ADAMS BAILEY, No. 55 Liberty st., Room No. 13.

ORANGE, N. J.—COUNTRY HOUSES, LANDS, and village lots for sale; a great variety. Also, furnished and unfurnished houses to let for season or year, by WALTER H. SMITH, formerly Blackwell & Smith, Orange, corner of Main and Cone streets.

REAL ESTATE AT AUCTION.

ASSIGNEE'S SALE IN BANKRUPTCY.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, the Assignee of the estate of the Columbia Paper Company, of the town of Chatham, in the County of Columbia and State of New-York, bankrupt, will sell at public auction at the office of said company, on the premises hereinafter described, on the 16th day of June, 1874, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, all the real and personal property belonging to the estate of said bankrupt, free and clear of all liens and incumbrances, which consists of a farm or tract of land of about 114 acres under a high state of cultivation, located near Chatham Village, in said town of Chatham, with a large, handsome dwelling-house, barn, and out-buildings, an improved water privilege, having a head and fall of twenty-three feet, and a large new stone print paper mill, 275 feet in length by about 45 feet in width, and two stories in height, containing 5 machine-rooms, with a boiler and two chemical buildings attached, and a large two-story office; and, also, all the machinery and fixtures in said mill, consisting of all the necessary machinery and appliances for manufacturing XX white, manila, or other paper from wood, straw, or other fibrous substances, in complete running order, comprising the most approved machinery for unloading and bleaching such substances; also, all the office furniture and other personal property belonging to said estate, including a license for grinding wood and other fibrous substance for pulp for the manufacture of paper to the amount of ten tons per day, in accordance with a process invented or discovered by William B. Woodbridge, of Little Falls, N. Y., known as the "Woodbridge process," secured to said Woodbridge by letters patent of the United States of America.

For further particulars apply to the Assignee or his attorneys.
RICHARD A. ROBERTSON, Assignee,
No. 7 Park place, New-York.
EDW & SMITH, Attorneys for Assignee, No. 191 Broadway, New-York.
Dated May 16, 1874.

IMPORTANT FORECLOSURE SALES.

SPRING HOUSE, RICHFIELD SPRINGS.

Sale of the above valuable property, on the 23d of May, 1874, at 12 M., on the premises, consisting of sulphur springs, bath-houses, Spring House and grounds and furniture complete, all first-class and in thorough order. The Spring House has recently been put in thorough order, and is ready to be opened as a hotel immediately, and possession given at once.

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WILL SELL AT AUCTION ON
THURSDAY, MAY 21, 1874,
At 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Sales-room, No. 111 Broadway, by order Supreme Court,
JOSHUA T. OWEN, Esq., Referee,
All the land between 12th and 13th avs., and 89th to 91st sts.
Equal to about 115 City lots.

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OFFICES—DESK ROOMS AND ELIGIBLE ROOMS for insurance companies, on Broadway, near City Hall, at reduced rates. Apply to GUSTAVUS BAYLIES, No. 207 Broadway.

LOFTS, OFFICES, AND SUB-CELLARS IN Liberty and Vesey sts., by Broadway limits. Apply to J. & J. W. MEEKS, No. 30 Vesey st., Room No. 6.

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TO LET OR FOR SALE—A HANDSOME house, with stable, in Hungerford Park, Harlem's Hill, one mile from the depot at New-Rochelle, and within an hour from the City; thirteen rooms, furnace and range, and all modern improvements; fine and extensive view of the Sound, and suitable for a Summer or Winter residence. WM. S. TOOLE & CO., No. 195 Fulton st.

TO RENT—AT MOUNT VERNON, THIRTY MINutes' station from New-York, cottage of ten rooms, furnished, situated ten minutes' walk from the New-York and New-Haven or Harlem Depots; mansion-house containing sixteen rooms, unfurnished, adjoining the cottage. Apply to WM. PEMBERTON, Mount Vernon; A. CLARK, Shuterspat House, New-York, or CHAS. LELAND, Ocean Hotel, Long Branch.

TO LET—COUNTRY RESIDENCE, ONE HOUR FROM New-York, on New-York and New-Haven Railroad; frame house, containing about eleven rooms; grounds consist of nine acres; beautifully laid out in lawn, &c., fruit and shade trees in abundance; it is three-quarters of a mile from station, near the salt water; rent $1,000 per year, furnished; unfurnished, $800.
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TO LET—A COUNTRY RESIDENCE ON LONG Island Sound, at Orienta, Mamaroneck, N. Y., one hour from New-York; pleasant neighborhood; double house, with two-story wing, fourteen rooms, with all modern improvements, beautiful shade-trees, plenty of fruit, fine garden. Will rent as a moderate price.
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LONG BRANCH—OCEAN AVENUE.—TO rent, superbly-furnished, extra fine large house, never before offered; twenty rooms; hot and cold water in every room; gas; billiard table; furnished by Fottier & Stymus; garden, ice-house, filled; superior large stable. Full particulars from the agents, F. C. & C. S. BROWN, No. 90 Broadway.

TO LET—A GENTLEMAN'S COUNTRY RESIDENCE at Eye, one mile from Port Chester Depots, and near Long Island Sound, fully furnished, with use of horses, carriages, cows, &c., to a satisfactory tenant; house large; grounds, three and one-half acres, with extra passage for servants; fruit in abundance; will rent to Nov. 1.
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FOR RENT—AT RUTHERFURD PARK, N. J., A large, old-fashioned stone mansion, beautifully situated on high ground, overlooking the Passaic, with barn and out-buildings and ample garden plot. Will be rented for one year for $300. Apply to H. G. BELL, No. 41 Worth st., New-York.

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TO LET OR LEASE—FULLY FURNISHED, A DEsirable three-story brown-stone house in 45th st., just west of 6th av.; house and furniture in perfect order and complete in every appointment. For particulars, address BREWSTER, Box No. 973 Post Office.

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Catalogues given to applicants.
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A GOOD TENANT WANTED.—FOUR-STORY high-stoop house No. 32 West 45th st.; very desirable. Take your custom from 2 to 6 P. M.

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SURROGATE NOTICES.

IN PURSUANCE OF AN ORDER OF ROBERT C. Hutchings, Esq., Surrogate of the County of New-York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against JOSEPH DUVERGIER LONGBARD DE SALARY, late of the City of Paris, France, deceased, to present the same, with vouchers thereof, to the subscribers, at the office of Coudert Brothers, Attorneys, &c., No. 49 Wall street, in the City of New-York, on or before the 31st day of August next.—Dated New-York, the 24th day of February, 1874.
ADOLPHE LEMOYNE, } Executors.
ADOLPH LEMOYNE, } Administrators.
EDWARD M. LEMOYNE, }
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IN PURSUANCE OF AN ORDER OF ROBERT C. HUTCHINGS, Esq., Surrogate of the County of New-York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against GEORGE W. ELDER, late of the City of New-York, deceased, to present the same with vouchers thereof to the subscribers, at the office of Joseph Cheney, No. 197 Greenwich street, in the City of New-York, on or before the 2d day of June next.—Dated New-York, the 24th day of November, 1873.
CATHARINE L. ELDER, Executrix.
NATHANIEL L. MCCREADY, Executor.
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IN PURSUANCE OF AN ORDER OF ROBERT C. Hutchings, Esq., Surrogate of the County of New-York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against JOSEPH B. MARTIN, late of Seymour, New-Jersey, deceased, to present the same, with vouchers thereof, to the subscribers, at their place of transacting business, at the office of Lord Brothers, No. 16 Wall street, in the City of New-York, on or before the 10th day of June next.—Dated New-York, the 3d day of December, 1873.
AMANDA S. MARTIN, Administratrix,
SELLECK Y. ST. JOHN, Administrator.
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IN PURSUANCE OF AN ORDER OF ROBERT C. Hutchings, Esq., Surrogate of the County of New-York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against EUGENE SAGE, late of the City of New-York, deceased, to present the same, with vouchers thereof, to the subscribers, at the office of Coudert Brothers, attorneys, &c., No. 49 Wall street, in the City of New-York, on or before the 1st day of September next.—Dated New-York, the 4th day of March, 1874.
mh5-law6mTh* MARIE ADELE SAGE, Executrix.

IN PURSUANCE OF AN ORDER OF ROBERT C. Hutchings, Esq., Surrogate of the County of New-York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against JOHN F. HOFFMAN, late of the City of New-York, deceased, to present the same, with vouchers thereof, to the subscribers, at the residence of Mary Ann Eckhoff, No. 312 West 46th st., in the City of New-York, on or before the 10th day of October next.—Dated New-York, the 6th day of April, 1874.
MARY ANN ECKHOFF, Executrix.
GUSTAVUS VOEGE, Executor.
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IN PURSUANCE OF AN ORDER OF ROBERT C. Hutchings, Esq., Surrogate of the County of New-York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against ELIZA SYMINGTON, late of the City of New-York, deceased, to present the same, with vouchers thereof, to the subscribers, at the office of James Symington Watt, No. 124 Maiden lane, in the City of New-York, on or before the 20th day of August next.—Dated New-York, the 3d day of February, 1874.
JAMES SYMINGTON WATT, } Executors, &c.
JAMES SYMINGTON WATT, }
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IN PURSUANCE OF AN ORDER OF ROBERT C. Hutchings, Esq., Surrogate of the County of New-York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against HENRY PARKER, late of the City of New-York, deceased, to present the same, with vouchers thereof, to A. T. Baker, No. 267 Front street, in the City of New-York, on or before the 19th day of September next.—Dated New-York, the 19th day of March, 1874.
A. T. BAKER,
CHRISTOPHER SCHWAB, } Executors.
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IN PURSUANCE OF AN ORDER OF ROBERT C. Hutchings, Esq., Surrogate of the County of New-York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against ALFRED T. WELLER, late of the City of New-York, deceased, to present the same, with vouchers thereof, to the subscribers, at the office of Gouverneur Rogers, No. 44 Pearl street, in the City of New-York, on or before the 12th day of September next.—Dated New-York, the 11th day of March, 1874.
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SARAH E. WELLER, Executrix.
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Will open for the season June 1. This hotel has a locality proverbial for its healthfulness and beauty. Its accommodations are complete in all respects.
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Rooms can be secured at the
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Will open on the 15th of June. House 250 feet elevation, with extensive grounds of some seventeen acres on the Hudson River; mountain air; scenery unsurpassed in the world; house greatly enlarged, and grounds extended and improved; has first-class accommodations for 300 or 400 guests; accessible by boats or cars. Address
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STAGES AND CARRIAGES.—Visitors will please inquire for JAS. E. BEACH, Agent at Catskill Landing, who will be in attendance upon the arrival of all trains and boats.
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Beautiful scenery, natural groves and lawns, perfect drainage; new billiard-room, new table, and bowling-alley; guests received for May and June at $10 per week; families and children at reduced rates; rooms reserved for the season at corresponding low rates, if applied for early. Send stamp for *Tourists' Guide*, to Round Hill Hotel, Northampton, Mass.

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Will be open for guests from June 1 to Nov. 1, twenty per cent discount to June and October visitors; trout fishing good; hay fevers, asthmatics, and catarrhal complaints relieved at once; location and scenery unequalled for grandeur and beauty. Send for circulars.
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JEFFERSON, N. H., May 19, 1874.

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will open June 1. Mr. D. P. PETERS will be in New-York a few days. Parties desiring to arrange for rooms can do so by addressing him at the Rockwood House, 29th st. and Broadway, or at Windsor Hotel, 5th av. Applications will receive prompt attention.

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This commodious and elegantly-appointed hotel will open to the public May 30. Those wishing to select and secure rooms can now do so by personal application on the premises or by letter. New-Brighton beats them foot Whitehall st. every half hour. HARR & CUTLER, Proprietors.

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(Newly furnished and refitted,)
Will be open for the reception of guests June 15, 1874. For terms, &c., apply to
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Opens June 1; best family hotel; two minutes' walk from the celebrated Sulphur Springs; terms moderate For particulars, address F. STANTON, Proprietor.

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Open for the season June 6.
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DREW THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

ANNIVERSARY OF THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION—MEETINGS, ADDRESSES, AND EXERCISES.

The students and the Faculty of this institution have been very busy for the last three days reviewing the lessons of the past year. Examinations are held twice a day—from 9 to 12 A. M. and 2 to 5 P. M., under the able corps of professors of the seminary, assisted by the visitors from the various annual conferences. On Tuesday evening the third anniversary of the Alumni Association was held in the Madison Methodist Church. This beautiful edifice, erected in 1872, at a cost of over $30,000, stands on the hill to the east of the seminary grounds. The President of the Alumni Association, Rev. S. W. Gehrett, class of '72, occupied the chair. Prayer was offered by Rev. Prof. John Miley, D. D. The opening remarks were made by the President, who expressed the pleasure which it gave him and the other members of the association to again walk the halls of Drew Seminary. There were many new faces, he said, and some of the old ones had gone never to return, but still it was their home, the place where they had received their training for the great battles of life. After promising the Class of '74 a warm welcome to the ranks of the Alumni, he introduced the speaker of the evening, Rev. James B. Brady, Class of '69. After showing how the world had grown and is growing every day, Mr. Brady spoke of the great need of the Church as being a class of ministers who would be up to the times, a hard-working and earnest ministry that would push ahead with all their might. Rev. W. F. Warner, class of '73, read a poem entitled "The Drew-ed," containing several local allusions. Excellent music was furnished by the choir of the church. After the anniversary exercises the members of the Alumni Association, accompanied by the Faculty and the invited guests, proceeded to the dining-room in Asbury Hall, where refreshments were provided. A number of the company then adjourned to the Society Hall in the same building. After an address of welcome from the President, the following toasts were given: "Welcome to the Class of '74," responded to by James Montgomery, of Brantford, Canada. "Our Alma Mater," responded to by the President of the Seminary, Rev. Dr. J. F. Hurst. "The secret of the success of the ministry," responded to by Rev. Prof. H. A. Butts. Speeches were made by Rev. Ezra Tinker, James Boyd, Rev. Daniel Young, Rev. E. M. Garton, Albert Chandler, and Walter A. Saville.

The annual meeting of the Alumni was held in the society room. After the usual opening exercises the following were elected officers for the ensuing year: W. F. Tilley, Class of '71, President; S. W. Smith, Class of '73, Vice President; E. M. Garton, Class of '72, Secretary; W. S. Gallaway, Class of '73, Treasurer. C. F. Noble, Class of '69, was elected Orator for 1875, and S. W. Gehrett, Class of '72, Essayist. In the evening a reception was given to the Alumni at the house of the President, Rev. J. F. Hurst. Members of every class were present, as well as the Trustees, Faculty, conference visitors and others. The evening was spent most agreeably in singing and social intercourse.

The regular annual love-feast was held in the chapel in Mead Hall yesterday morning. A large audience, composed of the Faculty, students, members of the Alumni, conference visitors, and others, was present. At 2 o'clock the annual meeting of the Trustees was held, with a large attendance. Only general business was transacted, and nothing of special importance was done. The sixth annual Commencement will be held to-day in the Methodist Church at 10 A. M. An address will be delivered by all the members of the graduating class. The music will be furnished by the Drew Glee Club.

Among the visitors from the annual conferences are the following: Rev. George Parsons, of the Wyoming Conference; Rev. James Ayers, of the Newark Conference; Rev. Anthony Atwood, of the Philadelphia Conference; Rev. C. F. Noble, of the Troy Conference; and Rev. C. S. Van Cleve, of the New-Jersey Conference. Professor Bowman, formerly of Dickinson College, now of the Pennsylvania Central Conference, arrived yesterday. The Class of '73 is quartered at the mansion of Mr. James Boyd.

PAULINE LUCCA'S DIVORCE.

In the suit entitled Von Rhaden against Von Rhaden, already familiar to the readers of THE TIMES, the plaintiff in which is Pauline Lucca, and the defendant her former husband, Baron Adolphe Von Rhaden, a motion was made in Supreme Court, Chambers, yesterday, on behalf of the lady, for an order restraining the defendant from continuing proceedings to open the decree of divorce entered in favor of plaintiff in this City. Some time since a motion was made on behalf of defendant for leave to come in and defend the action, it being claimed on his behalf that he had not had proper notice of the pendency of the action against him, and that if opportunity had been afforded him he could have disproved the allegations in the complaint on which the decree was founded. The court granted this motion, but on condition that the decree granted the plaintiff should remain in force until the trial of the case again, and an adverse judgment should be rendered. In the meantime, however, it appears from the papers used on the motion yesterday on behalf of Mme. Lucca, the defendant has taken proceedings to obtain a divorce in Berlin on the ground of plaintiff's abandonment, and that in those proceedings a decree has been rendered in his favor. The marriage contract between the parties having been thus dissolved in Berlin at the instance of the defendant, it is claimed he should not now be permitted to continue proceedings to vacate a similar decree here; that on this point nothing now remained to be litigated between the parties; that as to all the other provisions of the American decree in reference to the custody of the child is concerned, they were willing on the part of plaintiff to have it stricken from the decree, and under such circumstances the court should not permit further litigation in the case.

In opposition to the motion it was urged that the fact of defendant having obtained a decree in his favor in Berlin was no reason why the decree granted in this City, if it should be shown to have been granted improperly, should be permitted to remain in force. Judge Donohue took the papers, reserving his decision.

FIVE WIVES IN ONE YEAR.

An extraordinary case of bigamy, in which a prominent and wealthy New-Yorker figures conspicuously, was brought to light in Elizabeth, N. J., yesterday. The principal in this case is a man named L. D. White, who amassed a large fortune in the livery-stable business in this City. A few years ago he married his first wife, the daughter of a well-known citizen, and, as is alleged, deserted her and left the City. In the month of November, 1873, the recreant husband appeared in Elizabeth with a lady, and they were married by a Presbyterian minister and left the city on the evening of their wedding. Through some means White's second wife, who also belonged to a highly-respectable family, heard of her husband's perfidy, and to avoid scandal bade him quietly take his leave, which he did. Wife No. 1 recently heard that White was sojourning in Hartford, Conn. She immediately repaired to Elizabeth and consulted with the Prosecutor of the Pleas, and it was decided in view of his second marriage to proceed criminally against him. With this object in view the detective force was put to work, but White grew wary, and left for Massachusetts. Knowing well that he would return to Hartford when the coast seemed clear, Gov. Parker was sought and a requisition was made for White's body upon the Governor of Connecticut, which was honored. The officers in Hartford, growing tired, opened a correspondence with White, and also sent a proposition from his first wife that if he would meet her at the City Hall in that city, and would agree to allow her $1,000 a year, criminal proceedings against him would be stopped. White took the bait, and was arrested in Hartford yesterday, and Chief of Police Keron started with the requisition, and will bring his prisoner to Elizabeth to-day. It is alleged that White has been married no less than five times since leaving his first wife, and in each instance has abandoned his victims.

BUSINESS INTERESTS.

Yesterday added another to the long list of dull days in Wall street. The dealings were on a moderate scale, and the market presented no special feature of interest. A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Directors of the Western Union Telegraph Company was held during the afternoon, and it is understood that an informal agreement was arrived at that a cash dividend should be declared in July. The details and final disposition of the matter were deferred until the arrival of President Orton, who will probably reach here early in the coming week. Messrs. McCullough and Joy, representing the Cleveland and Pittsburg and Michigan railroads, have been in counsel with representatives of other Western trunk lines in this City for the past few days with the view of bringing about an advance in railroad freights. The Iowa railroads connecting with the Union Pacific some time ago dissolved their contract with the latter road, on the ground that the rates of freight were not remunerative. This forced the Union Pacific to make a special arrangement with the Hannibal and St. Joseph Railroad. The Iowa roads are now anxious to renew their contracts on the old terms, and have entered into negotiations looking toward that end.

PEDESTRIANISM.

A few weeks ago Mr. D. McCarthy offered to bet Mr. Max Bugersdorfer $250 that he could produce a man to beat the time made by Mr. J. G. Bennett, from Thirty-eighth street to Jerome Park, by fifteen minutes. The wager was accepted, and when the money was posted Mr. McCarthy named Mr. W. E. Harding. This was at first objected to, but Mr. McCarthy agreeing that his man should not train in the meantime, the bet was accepted. Yesterday morning Mr. Harding started at 7 o'clock, attended by Messrs. John Barry and John Grisdall, both amateur and professional walkers and a number of persons in carriages accompanied the pedestrian in his walk. He made the whole distance in 1 hour, 37 minutes and 22 seconds, beating Mr. Bennett's time 9 minutes, 23 seconds, and leaving the match by 5 minutes, 37 seconds. Mr. John J. Dimer acted as referee in the match.

THE BRINCKLEY DIVORCE CASE.

The Brinckley divorce case was resumed before Judge Van Brunt, in the Supreme Court, yesterday, and the direct examination of Mr. Hugh L. Brinckley, the defendant, was continued by Gen. Anthon, his counsel. The first matter of interest that was elicited was the description of the conversation which had been held in regard to Mr. Brinckley's father wishing to separate him from the plaintiff by sending her to Europe. Mr. Brinckley had discussed this in the presence of the plaintiff before a mutual friend named Mr. Phinney. The only question with the plaintiff was how much money Mr. Brinckley, Sr., ought to give her. She thought that he had not offered her enough. The matter was left to Mr. Phinney to say what amount of money he thought would be right. While he was considering the matter he conversed freely with both plaintiff and defendant, and they both expressed their opinions upon the present mode of life.

Mr. Brinckley, Sr., evidently had some project in his mind in relation to his son's affairs, though the defendant testified that, as far as pecuniary matters went, he was as independent of his father as his father was of him; that he had not met with great cases about that time, but, on the contrary, had made $40,000 in one venture. But the proposition was made that the plaintiff should go to Europe and go alone, utterly and entirely severing the connection between her and Mr. Hugh Brinckley. When they had first been introduced to each other Mr. Brinckley proposed to travel in Europe, and the plaintiff's diary shows that she at least had a strong desire to make a visit to that country. Mr. Brinckley settled the whole thing himself by deciding that the connection should not be broken for any reason. He resented his father's interference in his affairs, and told him decidedly that he could and would attend to his own business and settle his own family affairs. He told the plaintiff that he objected to her leaving him, and until he felt that he wished to make the tour of Europe himself, the trip should be put off. He would brook no further interference.

Mr. Brinckley further testified that as far as the plaintiff was concerned it had been only a question of money. He had no doubt but that if she had been made a sufficiently large offer, that is, if the inducement to go had been greater than that of remaining, she would not have permitted any regard for him to influence her in the matter. From the first time that she had been introduced to him she had been told that he was wealthy, and she hoped to secure a large part of that money for herself before she separated from him.

Gen. Anthon, counsel for the defendant, then took up the deposition of Mr. Morell, and asked the question whether at any time during their connection Mr. Brinckley had ever spoken of the plaintiff to Mr. Morell as his wife, or whether he had ever told him that he was married, or had in any way alluded to a marriage with the plaintiff?

To this Mr. Brinckley answered "No." He had never acknowledged any wifely relation to the plaintiff to Mr. Morell, nor had he ever given him any reason whatever to suppose for a moment that the plaintiff was his wife. The plaintiff was very generally loved by the men. She made a trip to Washington, and after she returned she told Mr. Brinckley that she had a very romantic adventure upon the way. One W. S. Rowland, whom she had met before, and who had told her that he was a Colonel, saw her, in the cars soon after the train had left Baltimore. He came up to her seat, and, sitting down beside her, began to chat and make himself as agreeable as possible. She said that he also proposed to marry her. Mr. Brinckley learned afterward that the plaintiff and the Colonel had both stopped at the Everett House in Washington, and that there they had been assigned adjoining rooms. The plaintiff afterward threatened that if Mr. Brinckley did not make some arrangement to settle some handsome property upon her, she would marry the Colonel and leave him forever. Mr. Brinckley did contemplate buying a nice house and making the deeds in her name. Both had become tired of their wanderings and of being obliged to move as soon as they once got nicely settled, for fear that some of their friends would hear how they were living, and Mr. Brinckley had made up his mind to buy a house worth somewhere from $8,000 to $35,000. He visited and priced a great many salable houses in the City, but for some reason unknown to himself even he did not purchase. It was about this time that Mr. Brinckley was taken sick, and the whole business of buying any property was practically given up. He had not been in Memphis, his home, for some time, and had been more or less a stranger to the home of his boyhood. He longed to visit the South, but did not wish to separate from plaintiff, nor did he wish to introduce her to his friends and family. The future was frequently the subject of discussion, as was also the European trip, which had not by any means been given up. At length they agreed to go South, and govern themselves according to the circumstances that arose. Mr. Brinckley went away first, and it was agreed that the plaintiff should meet him Louisville, and that he should go there by rail by way of Memphis. He thought that a sea trip would be beneficial to her health, and it was determined that she should take the steamer U. S. Grant for New-Orleans, and from there proceed to Louisville, where they should meet again.

Here Gen. Anthon made a digression from the story which Mr. Brinckley had been relating, and taking up the diary, which had been offered as evidence for the plaintiff, passed it to Mr. Brinckley, and asked him to look at it carefully. Mr. Brinckley examined the book and then testified that he had never seen that book until he saw it at the previous trial. He contradicted the plaintiff's testimony that he had read it in her presence, and with her, and said that they had never discussed the contents of the book, nor of any part of it. Mr. Brinckley here also denied that he had broken open the plaintiff's trunks in the Adams Block and abstracted letters and other documents.

After this Mr. Brinckley returned to the further history of their life, until he and the plaintiff separated. He could not remember whether he or the plaintiff reached Louisville first. But he knew that they were again united there, and stopped in the Louisville Hotel. She was registered there as "Mrs. Lawson," and he as "Hugh L. Brinckley." They were known there, and assigned separate rooms. He occupied her room during their stay in Louisville, though he paid for a separate room of his own, which was near by. After they had spent a few weeks in Louisville, they determined to go to Memphis. They reach Memphis safely after the usual trip, and Mr. Brinckley took the plaintiff to the Overton Hotel. He went home and made his father's house his residence during that period of his stay in Memphis. He knew that he could not visit the plaintiff openly in the Overton Hotel without an explanation and chances of making a great deal of talk, so he went to work and found a cottage in the suburbs and took the plaintiff there. The plaintiff lived there three or four weeks, Mr. Brinckley going out to the cottage at night and returning in the morning to his father's. One night Mr. Brinckley went out there as usual, and learned that she had quit the house that morning and gone to the Gayoso House without sending word to him of the change. Mr. Brinckley found her at the Gayoso House. The plaintiff told Mr. Brinckley, as an excuse for quitting the cottage, that a young woman had died in the next cottage the night previous, and that she felt so frightened and nervous that she had concluded to go somewhere else. She staid in the Gayoso House but a few days. After a few days had passed, while Mr. Brinckley was visiting the plaintiff in the Gayoso House, she told him that her physician had advised her to pay a visit to St. Paul for her health, which she complained of as being very poor. After some discussion it was decided that she should go, and Mr. Brinckley gave her money for her expenses. This was in the last of July, or early in August. After staying nearly six months in the North-west, travelling about in Minnesota and Wisconsin, the plaintiff returned to Louisville and met Mr. Brinckley there in January, 1868. They went to the Louisville Hotel and registered as before—he as Mr. Brinckley, and she as Mrs. Lawson. They were assigned separate rooms, but he occupied the same room with her the greater portion of the time. After some weeks the proprietor of the hotel learned what had been going on, and requested the plaintiff to leave the house. There was a great row, but she took the cars to Memphis, and Mr. Brinckley followed after her. When they reached Bowling Green they concluded to stop there awhile, and going to a hotel where they were not known, registered as Mr. and Mrs. Brinckley. They staid there but a short time and then went on to Memphis. In Memphis Mr. Brinckley first took the plaintiff to the Whittemore House. After staying there a while, where she was registered as Mrs. Lawson, she had a quarrel with the proprietor, and after some hard words Mr. Brinckley took her to the Hardwick House. There, also, she was registered as Mrs. Lawson. Just after leaving the Hardwick House he proposed to give her a house and lot or $100 a month for the rest of her life, whereupon she asked him whether he intended to continue to live with her after she had got the house? He answered negatively, and she then said that she didn't want a house without he would live with her in it. He then told her that their connection had become so notorious that he could not allow it to be continued any longer. They must separate. After thinking the matter over the plaintiff at length told Mr. Brinckley that she would not accept any such proposition, and that he must acknowledge her as his wife. If he would not do so privately she would compel a public recognition. Mr. Brinckley answered that she could not bring forward any proof to establish such a claim. But she said, "A lie well stuck to is as good as the truth." Further attempts were made by both Mr. Brinckley and his friends to induce the plaintiff to accept a settlement, but she refused all their overtures and filed her bill in the Memphis Chancery Court. Mr. Brinckley did not meet the plaintiff again after she had asked him to sign a paper drawn up by her attorney acknowledging their marriage, until a year afterward. Then he told her that he could never forgive her for filing such a bill. She had chosen her course and must abide by it. The plaintiff replied that any way she would drag him down into the dust and disgrace him in the world's eyes.

The cross-examination of the defendant was then commenced by Mr. Beach, counsel for the plaintiff, and Mr. Brinckley got twisted up into all sorts of shapes. He swore directly contrary to the testimony of Mrs. Beams and Dr. Mott, but when driven to swear positively as to whether he had not spoken of the plaintiff as his wife to Dr. Mott and Mr. Morell, he could not do so. In the midst of the cross-examination it became time to close the court, and the case was adjourned until 10 A. M. to-day.

CONVENTION OF THE DELTA PHI FRATERNITY.

The regular convention of the Delta Phi Fraternity assembled yesterday afternoon in the Fifth Avenue Hotel. The meeting being called to order, Hon. Judge P. L. Danforth, of the Alpha Chapter, was elected presiding officer, and Mr. Munroe, appointed Secretary *pro tem.* The following chapters were represented: The Alpha, of Union College, by Messrs. Alex. Thompson, G. T. Beakley, and F. A. Joyger; the Beta, of Brown University, by Messrs. W. H. Munroe and Enoch Perrine; the Gamma, of New-York University, by Alex. R. Thompson, Jr., Harold M. Smith, and J. S. Aunbach; the Delta, of Columbia University, by L. K. Wilmerding and W. Bayard Cutting; the Epsilon, of Rutgers University, by J. Ladin Kellog and H. S. Genevese; the Theta, of Princeton, by D. G. Walker and T. G. Campbell; the Iota, of Michigan University, by M. Phinon; the Lambda, of Troy Polytechnic, by S. W. Barker and A. B. Nason, and the Mu, of Madison University, by Louis Miller and Joseph F. Lawrence. The proceedings were strictly private. This fraternity is the oldest and considered the most remarkable for unity and strength among kindred organizations. It has many distinguished professional gentlemen in its ranks, such as Hon. S. S. Cox, J. Delafield Smith, D. R. Floyd Jones, J. H. Sharpe, J. J. Hyde, Smith Lane, Drs. E. O. Doremus, Henry Draper, C. E. Agnew, Profs. J. J. Stevenson, New-York University; Doolittle, Rutger's; Rev. Drs. Howard Crosby, Chancellor New-York University; W. C. Armitage, A. S. Thomsen, H. C. Carpenter, Augustus Blauvelt, and others. Several new chapters were established during the course of the convention.

CRICKET.

The two days' match between the St. George's Club, of New York, and the Merion Club, of Philadelphia, was commenced on the grounds of the former at Hoboken, yesterday. Notwithstanding the threatening weather, there was quite a large crowd of spectators present. The St. George's were first at the bat, and by excellent cricket succeeded in putting together a total of 86, of which Bance and Whelan made 20 each, and Sleigh 17. The Merions in their inning made 35 for the loss of two wickets, when play was stopped for the day. Neither club presented their full elevens, the St. George's playing with but nine men and the Merions with seven. The game will be finished to-day. The following is the score of yesterday's play:

ST. GEORGE.		MERION.	
Bance b. E. Ashbridge	20	G. Ashbridge c. Granger, b. Whelan	1
Whelan b. Fox	20	Fox not out	27
Moeran c. Fox, b. E. Ashbridge	11	Stowe c. Moeran, b. Palmer	0
Sleigh c. and b. E. Ashbridge	17	R. Ashbridge not out	23
Palmer b. R. Ashbridge	0	Leg-byes, wides, &c.	4
Granger b. Fox	0	Total	55
Lemmon l. b. w. b. Fox	9		
Satterthwaite not out	1		
Percy c. G. Ashbridge, b. Fox	0		
Leg-byes, byes, wides, &c.	8		
Total	86		

Runs scored at the fall of each wicket:

	1st.	2d.	3d.	4th.	5th.	6th.	7th.	8th.
St. George	31	52	63	63	67	83	85	86
Merion	7	19	..	..	..	..	..	..

Umpires—Messrs. Brewster and Vinton.

NEW-YORK UNIVERSITY.

In the Surrogate's Court yesterday Austin Abbott, the Trustee of the Butler fund for the benefit of the Euclean Society of the university and the Delta Chapter of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity, settled his accounts, showing the full amount of the sum invested and a surplus sufficient to pay all the costs of the trust. The testator, A. Ogden Butler, a graduate of the university, some years ago died, leaving Mr. Abbott residuary legatee in trust for the benefit of these societies. The original amount of the fund by the inventory was about $1,300, but the Trustee has succeeded by careful management, aided by the loyalty of Charles Butler, in raising the fund to $5,000, while paying a regular income to these two literary societies. The income maintains the annual Butler prizes and annually replenishes the library of one of these societies, and also goes for toward paying the current expenses of both societies. Upon the accounting Howard Payson Wild appeared as counsel for Mr. Abbott, and F. Haxwood Vernon for the two societies.

ARRIVALS AT THE HOTELS.

Lieut. Col. W. L. Elliott, United States Army, is at the Sturtevant House.

Deputy Quartermaster General Robert O. Tyler, United States Army, is at the Albemarle Hotel.

Judge T. W. Bartley, of Washington, and J. H. Chedell, of Auburn, N. Y., are at the St. Nicholas Hotel.

Dr. Samuel G. Howe, of Boston, and Jerome B. Parmenter, of the Troy *Press*, are at the Westminster Hotel.

Gov. John J. Bagley, of Michigan; J. M. Walker, President of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad Company, and J. F. Joy, of Detroit, are at the Windsor Hotel.

Chancellor John V. L. Pruyn, of Albany; Prof. Benjamin Peirce, of the United States Coast Survey, and Franklin B. Gowen, President of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company, are at the Brevoort House.

Judge George F. Comstock, of Syracuse; Hon. H. O. Chesebro, of Canandaigua, N. Y.; Judge R. D. Rice, of Maine; Dr. E. Eldridge, of Elmira, and Controller S. S. Hayes, of Chicago, are at the Fifth Avenue Hotel.

THE GERMAN PROPERTY-OWNERS.

The Central Organization of the German Property-owners' Associations, recently formed in different wards of the City, held a meeting at the German school-house in Fourth street last night. Chas. Welte presided. The proceedings were principally confined to completing the organization, and action was taken to form additional district associations. From the Twenty-first Ward organization a communication was received calling for the appointment of a committee to prepare a draft of a bill to be presented to the next Legislature, providing for a new assessment law for the entire State, to obtain an equal taxation of all property, including churches, and excepting only schools and hospitals. A resolution to that effect was passed. A committee of organization was appointed, composed of Messrs. Koch, Trand, Eybel, Kreidewolf, and Welz. The organization extends through the Seventh, Eighth, Tenth, Eleventh, Seventeenth, Eighteenth, Nineteenth, Twentieth, Twenty-first, and Twenty-second Wards, and other districts are in progress of organization. Thus far the association is composed of 3,700 members.

RAID ON A GAMBLING-HOUSE.

Yesterday evening Capt. Byrnes, with Detectives Henderson and Slavin, of the Fifteenth Precinct, made a raid on the gambling-house, No. 62 East Twelfth street, kept by the noted sporting man "Andy" Sheehan. He found in the place the proprietor and the following notorious gamblers: John Chamberlain, James Stewart, Miles Farron, "Jim" Brown, William Matthews, James Moore, James Sullivan, James Stone, and William Henry, all of whom were arrested and locked up in the Mercer Street Station-house. A number of checks, a card-table, and crib-board were seized by the Police.

THE SALOON-KEEPERS.

The Central Organization of the German Saloon-keepers, who have recently formed organizations in the different Wards of the City, held a meeting at the Germania Assembly Rooms yesterday, when the committee appointed to wait on the Excise Commissioners reported that the Excise Board had not yet come to a decision in regard to the amount of license to be charged to the beer and wine retailers. A meeting of the board, it was stated, will be held to-day, when this matter is to be discussed. The amount proposed by the saloon-keepers for a license is $50, and the question with the Excise Board is whether the amount should not be fixed at $100.

RUSH R. SLOANE BACK FROM BELGIUM.

Rush R. Sloane was expected in Sandusky, Ohio, on Monday, to settle the civil suits against him by the payment of $250,000 to the Cleveland, Sandusky, and Cincinnati Railroad Company. He, however, failed to put in an appearance, and the Sandusky *Register* says that he is in Windsor, Canada, and will remain there until he is satisfied that he can return with safety. There are seventeen charges of embezzlement and four cases of forgery pending against him, which will come up or be brought before the Grand Jury some time this month, and it is represented that there is a strong feeling in Sandusky in favor of having him brought to justice, and made to feel the full penalty of the law. A correspondent of the Cleveland *Leader* gives in a letter from Sandusky this account of his return from Europe: "Some time in March last a proposition was made by the Sloane party to the Cleveland, Sandusky and Cincinnati Railroad Company for a settlement, and they wished to embrace in that settlement not only the civil suits but the criminal suits. To this proposition of the criminal suits the President of the road, Mr. Fallow, would not acquiesce, but stated that they stood ready at any time to settle the civil suits. The attorney of Sloane communicated with him by cable at Belgium; Sloane responded. In two weeks thereafter he made his appearance at Clifton, Canada."

CITY AND SUBURBAN NEWS.

NEW-YORK.

The second party of Mennonites from Russia left this City for Dakota by the Erie Railway yesterday.

The first barrel of new flour, crop of 1874, received from Georgia, was sold yesterday by Messrs. Groma & Lee for $15.

Argument of counsel in the Teresa Small case is set down for this morning at 10 o'clock A. M., before Judge Brady.

Gen. Sebenck and Rev. Dr. Morgan, of St. Thomas' Protestant Episcopal Church, sailed yesterday on the Abyssinia for Liverpool.

Mr. Bergh yesterday received a check for $1,000 from Mrs. Harriet Cook, of Goshen, Litchfield County, Conn., for his society.

The annual meeting of the members of the Produce Exchange will be held on Tuesday next to receive the reports of the Board of Managers, &c.

Ascension Day will be celebrated to-day (Thursday) at the Greek Chapel, No. 951 Second avenue, near Fiftieth street, at 10:30 A. M. The chapel is open to the public.

The *Sunday Democrat* was sold yesterday by the Sheriff, to satisfy two judgments amounting to $300. The purchaser was Mr. Lafaye. The amount paid did not transpire.

Prof. J. Phinn, editor of the *Technologist*, will give a free lecture before the Polytechnic Association this evening, in Hall No. 24, Cooper Union, on "The Microscope, and its Application in the Arts."

The anniversary exercises of the Universalist Sunday-schools of this City were held in the Church of Our Savior, Fifty-seventh street, near Eighth avenue, yesterday afternoon. There were five schools, numbering 500 children, represented.

The Governors of the Stock Exchange have ordered and suggested that the Gold and Stock Telegraph and Manhattan Quotation Companies, who have of late been quoting the ruling street rates of money, in addition to the regular quotations of securities, desist from so doing.

Officer Killalea, of the Fifteenth Precinct, dressed in citizen's clothes, went into the policy shop of John Burdun, at No. 14 Carmine street, yesterday, and purchased a ticket for a "straight gig." He then arrested Burdun, who was held in $1,500 bail for trial by Justice Murray, at the Jefferson Market Police Court.

The American Numismatic and Archaeological Society held its annual meeting Tuesday evening, at Mott Memorial Hall. The following officers for 1874-5 were elected: President, Charles E. Anthon, LL. D.; Vice President, Daniel Parish; Secretary, William Poillon; Librarian, Isaac F. Wood, New-York; Treasurer, Benjamin Betts, and Curator, E. Groh, Brooklyn.

The Bureau of Charities caution the public against giving any money to a young man calling himself A. H. Hall, but who has other aliases. He represents himself as a musician out of employment. Any persons receiving an application from him are requested to notify the Young Men's Christian Association, Bowery branch, or the Bureau of Charities, No. 66 Third avenue.

The Women's Art Department of the Cooper Union, for the advancement of science and art, will hold its fifteenth annual reception Thursday evening, 28th inst., at 8 o'clock. The reception of the Male Art Department will take place the following evening, and the commencement exercises will be held in the large hall on the following Saturday. A number of drawings executed by the pupils will be on exhibition at the receptions, and the prizes will be awarded to the successful competitors at the commencement exercises.

BROOKLYN.

Dr. Charles H. Cooke was appointed Assistant Physician to the Almshouse, at a meeting of the Commissioners of Charity, yesterday afternoon.

The Assessor's office in the City Hall is undergoing extensive alterations, with a view of making it more suitable for the transaction of public business.

Denis Brison, a peddler, aged fifty, residing at No. 40 Flint street, attempted suicide last evening by taking a dose of arsenic. He was removed to the City Hospital.

An insane man, in a partially nude state, was arrested yesterday while running about the salt meadows in the Eighteenth Ward. He said his name was Edward Freel.

Mary Lunny, aged thirty, was found sitting in a chair dead in her apartments, at No. 713 Dean street, last evening. Death is supposed to have resulted from disease of the heart.

Thursday of next week has been named for the trial of the suit brought against the city by Ex-City Treasurer Sprague for the recovery of the money turned over by him to the authorities when the deficiency was discovered in his office last Fall.

Supervisor at Large George L. Fox intends paying a visit to the Penitentiary, for the purpose of making himself thoroughly familiar with the question before approving or disapproving of the shoe contracts, as recently authorized by the Board of Supervisors.

It was discovered yesterday morning that during Tuesday night burglars entered the millinery establishment of Mr. F. F. Frankard, No. 471 Fulton street, and carried away several thousand dollars' worth of velvets and laces. The Police have not, up to the present, made any arrests in connection with the robbery.

Three engines worked by compressed steam, to be taken into the boilers at either end of the route, arrived in Brooklyn yesterday, and are soon to be tried over the Atlantic Avenue Road. If the experiment is successful, the use of horses will be dispensed with on that road.

District Attorney Winslow received a dispatch from Albany last evening notifying him of the fact that the Governor had called the Special Term of the Over and Terminer, for the trial of the indicted officers alluded to in Tuesday's TIMES. The court will open on the first Monday in June.

A movement is on foot among some prominent men in this city to start a new reform organization. A preliminary meeting has been held, and another meeting will be held this evening. It is said that no person in any way connected with politics will be allowed to become a member. The meeting to-night will not be open to the public.

Mrs. Searles brought suit against Elizabeth Armstrong to recover $2,500 claimed to have been loaned, and to have canceled assignments of two mortgages which assignments, plaintiff alleges, were obtained through fraud. Judge Barnard decided for defendant on the matter of the loan, but held that the assignments must be canceled.

The following is the route selected for the Greenpoint Sunday-school anniversary parade on the 28th inst.: Forming on Orchard street, through Orchard to Union avenue, to India street, to Franklin avenue, to Noble street, to Lorimer street, countermarching through Lorimer street, to Norman avenue, to Leonard street, to Calyer street, to Orchard street, and dismiss.

The forty-first annual meeting of the Directors of the Brooklyn Orphan Asylum was held yesterday at the Reformed Church on the Heights. There are 337 children at present in the asylum. During the year 177 children have been received, and 163 removed. The receipts during the year amounted to $48,596 03. The only indebtedness of the society is an unpaid sewerage assessment amounting to $5,363 31.

Park Commissioner Stranahan called on Mayor Hunter yesterday morning in reference to a communication addressed to him by the Mayor some time ago, asking for a list of the employes, and the salaries paid them, in the service of the commission. In answer to a former communication, of similar import, Mr. Stranahan furnished a list of the employes, but omitted the salaries. The Mayor believes that a number of sinecurists are in the pay of the Park Commissioners. Before Mr. Stranahan left the Mayor's office he agreed to furnish all the information asked for.

STATEN ISLAND.

Mr. Lester Wallack's yacht Columbia is at anchor off Tompkinsville Landing, and several others are off Vanderbilt Landing—the advance guard of the fleet.

At a meeting of the Trustees of New-Brighton yesterday, Mr. Tompkins Westervelt offered a resolution recommending the Governor to sign the bill obstructing the Richmond County Board of Health, on the ground that the bill establishing it was so badly drawn that it took away all powers conferred by the village charters. This action of Mr. Westervelt excites considerable comment, as he is understood to be the author of the bill. The resolution, however, was passed.

It is understood that the new People's Ferry Company, which proposes to run boats from Dey street to the north shore, Staten Island, has actually commenced work by electing a Board of Directors, prominent among whom are Mr. J. H. Starin and a gentleman formerly connected with the Staten Island Railway. It is also stated that the steamers Arrowsmith and Thomas Collyer have been purchased, and are now being altered to double-enders, the design being to commence running on or about the 1st of next month.

NEW-JERSEY.

Joseph Nolan, a resident of Elizabeth, has been committed to the County Jail for stealing money from his mother, which the poor woman earned by taking in washing.

The residents of Milburn have become very much alarmed in consequence of the prevalence of small-pox in that town. The authorities have taken precautions to prevent the spread of the disease, and placards with the words "small-pox" in large letters, have been posted on such houses as contain cases of the disease.

A little girl named Emma Bork, aged twelve years, was arrested in Newark yesterday for stealing a watch and chain, valued at $13, from Charles Hess. She was committed for trial.

The New-Jersey Historical Society will be in session to-day at Newark, and Charles D. Deshler, of the *Independent*, will read a paper giving an account of the military operations of the British in Middlesex County during the Revolution.

Mrs. Libbie Cole, who was employed as a companion by Mrs. Dr. Blake, of Union Hill, was arrested yesterday on a charge of stealing a quantity of jewelry and clothing from that lady. The stolen goods were found in Mrs. Cole's possession, and she was placed under bonds to answer the charge.

On Tuesday evening a colored woman named Kate Coward, residing in Trenton, was shot by a negro named James Stout, with whom she had an altercation. The ball took effect in her leg, and caused a painful though not serious wound. Stout was committed to the City Prison to await an examination.

Mrs. John Cook, a resident of Centre street, Bayonne, had her pocket picked of $20 in money and papers valued at $200 while crossing to New-York on the Central Railroad Ferry Tuesday evening. The lady felt the thief's hand in her pockets as he was drawing it out, and pointed him out to several persons standing in the vicinity, but no attempt was made to arrest him.

John Adams, residing at No. 175 Pavonia avenue, Jersey City, was arrested, Monday night, by Roundsman Bants and Officer Reynolds, and locked up in the Second Precinct Station-house, for being drunk. He says that when he left home on that night he had $650 in his possession, and the officers state that when he was searched in the station-house he had only $19 50. Adams claims to have been robbed, but he does not know whether it was by the Police or other parties.

A young man named Edward Kastner appeared before Justice Mills, of Newark, yesterday, and said that on Tuesday night, at a late hour, he was attacked by a stranger in Kinney, near Halsey street, who attempted to stab him with a knife. His cries for assistance attracted the attention of a Police officer, and Kastner's assailant was chased and captured, after running a few blocks. On looking at him the officer appeared to recognize the man, and positively refused to arrest him. The case has been reported to the Police authorities, and will be investigated.

Between 12 and 1 o'clock yesterday morning a disastrous collision occurred on the Midland Railroad at Oakridge Station. The westward-bound express freight train, of which a man named Steele is conductor, and which should have waited at Newfoundland for the eastern-bound train to pass, did not wait, and the two trains collided in consequence. The eastern-bound train was loaded with ore, and was in charge of Engineer Corster. The locomotives and cars were reduced to almost total wrecks, and obstructed travel nearly the whole day. One man was seriously and another slightly injured. The damage is estimated at $5,000.

On Tuesday a number of workmen employed in T. Wagner's hat manufactory, in Henry street, Orange, struck for higher wages. They were at once discharged, and non-society men employed to fill their places, whereupon the strikers became demonstrative, and James Lawlor, one of their number, threatened the proprietors of the factory with violence. The other men encouraged Lawlor, and it was feared at one time that a serious disturbance would ensue, but word being sent to police headquarters for assistance, Officers Conroy and Deeh were sent to the factory. They dispersed the crowd and arrested Lawlor, who was subsequently committed to the County Jail for ten days.

[Advertisement.]

"A wit's a feather—a chief's a rod,
But an honest man's the noblest work of God!"

So sang the poet. By the way, talking of feathers, the FEATHER-WEIGHT UMBRELLA is absolutely the best in the world. MILLER, the inventor, makes it and sells it at No. 355 Sixth avenue, corner Twenty-second street, and No. 1,125 Broadway, between Twenty-fifth and Twenty-sixth streets.

PASSENGERS SAILED.

In steam-ship Abyssinia, for Liverpool.—Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Waterbury, Mrs. Lawrence Waterbury, Miss Waterbury, Mrs. Morgan and wife, Mrs. Greenville Winthrop, four children, and maid, Miss J. M. Smith, Miss M. H. Smith, Mrs. Harris, Miss Samler, Miss Smalley, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Brooks, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Walker, Dr. and Mrs. P. Dawson, Wm. Harwood, Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Shepherd, Mrs. E. P. Bate, Miss Florence M. Este, Gen. Robert Schenck, Miss Gamble, Rev. Wm. Hutton, Silas Osgeront, C. W. Marsh

TREASURER SPINNER.

HE EXPLAINS TO AN OHIO INQUIRER THE STORIES ABOUT HIS EMPHATIC LANGUAGE.

The following remarkable correspondence between Mr. Noah Parmele and United States Treasurer Spinner has been furnished by the former gentleman to the Warren (Ohio) *Chronicle*:

WARREN, TRUMBULL COUNTY, OHIO, March 2, 1874.

Hon. Mr. Spinner, Treasurer United States of America:

DEAR SIR: I have been selling Mrs. Ames' new book, *Ten Years in Washington*, for a time past, and in giving a description of the head men of the different Departments of our Government, I told people that Mr. Spinner was a Methodist minister; that my sister had heard him preach at Sangerfield, Oneida County, New-York, and, though Mrs. Ames says many good things of yourself, yet on looking further in the book, I am sorry to read on page 368, that "nobody swears so loud as the General." Now, being a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and a minister myself, I hate to publish that a Methodist minister swears, and I hardly know what to do about it. If this is not so, I wish you would let me know at once, and have the thing made right. Hoping to hear from you at your earliest convenience, I remain one of your best friends. Yours, most respectfully,

NOAH PARMELE,
Minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Warren, Trumbull County, Ohio.

TREASURY OF THE UNITED STATES,
WASHINGTON, March 26, 1874.

DEAR SIR: Your extraordinary letter, of the 9th inst., I found in a large stack that had accumulated during my absence in Florida, where I had gone on sick leave. Your good sister must be mistaken, or the man. She never saw me at Sangerfield, for I have never been there—much less have I preached there or anywhere else. True, my father was a minister of the Reformed Church, and my mother a devout wife of the Methodist Episcopal Church. I myself belonged to the Methodist Episcopal Church, but belong to any church; so I am no longer a member of one in whose temple the whole human family can worship. My sin through life has been to do good to men, and I can truly say that I have done it honestly—say that they are worse off for having known me. I have never knowingly caused an innocent tear to flow, nor done wrong to any one. During my long official life I have earnestly endeavored to do my whole duty to the people and their Government. If I have failed it was from error of judgment, and not from any evil purpose. I have chosen to remain poor that I might leave, at least, a good reputation for integrity and an honest name as an inheritance for my children. Whatever I may have said or done, I have never been accused of having done a wrong to a fellow-man. I bought Mrs. Ames' book, but, as on account of the pressure of public business I have not read any book through since the last quarter of a century, I have not read hers. If she says that I swear, I shall not deny it, for I have made it a rule never to contradict what a lady may say. I am not aware that I know her personally, or that she knows anything about me or my habits, except from hearsay. Some years ago the story went the rounds of the newspapers, which was probably her text for the sermon she preached about me. It was to the effect that after the close of the war of the rebellion a General of the late Confederate Army, who had been a field officer in the army of the United States, called on me and demanded payment on a check on the Treasury of the United States, given him before he left the Union service. Payment was refused by me, on the ground that his treason to the Government that had given him his military education had cancelled all obligations from the Government to him. This led to a very animated discussion, in the course of which very strong and emphatic language was used. There happened to be present at the time a gentleman of the Presbyterian persuasion and two ladies, mother and daughter, who were devout members of the Methodist Church; the two had been driven out of Richmond at the beginning of the rebellion for expressing sentiments loyal to the Union. During the height of the ceremony, when the loud swearing took place that Mrs. Ames speaks of, the gentleman approached me, placed his hand on my shoulder, and approvingly said: "Good for you, my friend, I indorse every word you say," and the eldest of the two ladies ran in front of me, clasped both her hands in mine, and with the greatest earnestness and religious zeal cried out: "Oh, Mr. Spinner, you know how in my heart I abhor swearing, but I declare for it that your swearing sounds to me for all the world like prayers." For offenses against human government, or against any human being, I acknowledge my responsibility as a matter of mere opinion, or for practices that injure no one in person or property, I claim the right of trial and judgment in a higher tribunal. I desire to be judged by my acts and not by any creed. If my conduct be not good, although I may have no religion to speak of,

Very respectfully,
F. E. SPINNER.

Mr. Noah Parmele, member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Warren, Trumbull County, Ohio.

A MAD DOG IN THE HOUSE.

The residence of Mr. John L. Hill, on Filbert street, Philadelphia, the *Record* says, was the scene of an occurrence, one day last week, which was much more exciting than pleasant, and which might have resulted in very serious consequences. The gentleman in question was the owner of a Spitzer dog, which was the special pet of his little daughter. The animal was noticed by the servants on this morning to be frothing at the mouth, and otherwise acting in a strange manner, but nothing was said about it at the time. In the afternoon a lady called, and was shown into the parlor to wait till the lady of the house came down. While sitting there, she was startled by a crash, and the dog, which had been in the yard, leaped into the parlor, having bounded through the back window, shivering a thick pane of glass in its passage. He dashed past the visitor and into the hall. The lady, with great presence of mind, ran to the door and screamed up the stairs that something was the matter with the dog, and that her friend and one of the servants, who were at the head of the stairs, had better to get back into an upper room and close the door as the dog, in his "eyeless rage," dashed against it. The lady down stairs also closed the parlor door, and the cook in the dining-room locked herself in that apartment. While the maddened animal, having the run of the halls and stairways, dashed up and down in the most terrible manner, throwing himself against the doors with a force that threatened their fastenings. This continued for some time, there being no one in the house but the four beleaguered females, until the lady in the parlor secured dignity to secure safety, and made her escape through the parlor window. Assistance was finally obtained in the shape of a policeman, who entered the house, also through the window, and the dog, which at this time had gone into an open room, had the door closed upon him and his fate was sealed. A rope with a slip noose was procured, the door partially opened, and the loop, after some maneuvering, was successfully thrown, around his neck. He was then dragged into a position that enabled the policeman, with a few well-directed blows of a billy, to settle his dogship, and the scattered and frightened inmates of the house were enabled to come forth and once more move about in safety. Whether the animal was really rabid, or only suffering from a fit of a more harmless nature, will never be known.

DEATH OF A NOTED CHARACTER IN NEW-ORLEANS.

John Henry died in New-Orleans on Wednesday, 13th ult., of a congestive chill. He had long been a noted character in the city—famous for the number of personal encounters in which he engaged, and the peculiar, not to say astonishing, good fortune he always met with. The *Picayune* gives this sketch of him: "Without mentioning any minor affairs he may have had, the killing of Bob Forbes, himself a noted desperado, in 1868, and about a year afterward of James Porter, are events very well remembered by our readers. Still more fresh in public recollection is the terrible fight between Henry Lyons, during the Fall of 1872, at the Merchants' Exchange, on Common street. It was, perhaps, one of the most desperate encounters which ever took place. Lyons was armed with a pistol and Henry with the awful gimlet knife. The first intimation had by persons outside was the spectacle of Lyons escaping from the saloon on the banquette, and afterward into the gutter and the street, firing his pistol rapidly at Henry, who was pursuing. They were quite close to each other. One ball from Lyons' pistol struck Henry fairly in the breast, going clear through, and producing what every physician declared a mortal wound; yet the men came together in the street, and when help arrived Lyons was found to be stabbed in several places, and within two minutes of his death. Contrary to every one's expectation, Henry recovered from the frightful wound received in this encounter, and from that time to the present he has been in full possession of health and strength. He has had no other difficulties, so far as our knowledge goes, save only this last one with the grim Harvester, against whom no courage, no skill, no resolution can avail. We have never heard it charged that Henry sought or originated the quarrels which terminated this tragically. The splendid address and strength and indomitable pluck before which Forbes and Porter and Lyons laid down their lives seemed in each instance to have been called forth for self-defense rather than aggression."

A SINGLE COUPLE WHO THOUGHT THEMSELVES MARRIED.

The Portland (Me.) *Press* relates the following: "A few days since a young couple registered their intentions to be married at the City Clerk's office. The Clerk recorded their names in due form, gave them a little of that excellent advice of which he has so bountiful a store, and pocketed the fee. Yesterday the intending woman told a friend that she was married and living with her husband. On cross-examination she described the ceremony that the Clerk went through when she was, as she supposed, united to her true-love in the bonds of matrimony. At this recital she was informed that she had only been registered, and could not be married until she received her certificate. This made trouble in the young woman's mind, and she at once started for her brevet husband and broke the awful intelligence to him. He was thunderstruck, and the once happy couple are debating what to do about it."

FATAL ACCIDENT ON THE EAST RIVER.

At about 11 o'clock yesterday morning, Oscar Owenstein, aged twenty-five, and Joel W. McElring, aged twenty-three, both employed as waiters at the United States Hotel, hired a small boat at the battery and started to row across the East River to the Brooklyn side. While in the middle of the stream the boat was run into and capsized by the Hamilton Avenue ferry-boat Columbia, and the two men were precipitated into the water. Lowenstein was rescued by the deck hands of the ferry-boat and taken to his home. His companion was drowned, and his body swept off by the current.

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS.

In Part I of the Court of General Sessions yesterday, Judge Sutherland presiding, District Attorney Rollins prosecuting, Gustav Baurhardt pleaded guilty to obtaining goods by false pretenses, and was sent to the Penitentiary for one month.....The perjury case of Julius Sarner, of No. 68 Greene street, charged with having falsely sworn to the amount of stock in his possession at the time a fire occurred on his premises, was resumed. District Attorney Rollins produced a number of witnesses to show that at the time of the fire Sarner's stock, even from his own books, could not have been anything like the amount claimed by him. The further hearing of the case will be resumed to-day.

In Part II, Recorder Hackett presiding, District Attorney Phelps prosecuting, Thomas Carraher, proprietor of the saloon No. 1 Chatham square, charged with the larceny of $65 from Patrick J. Stapleton, of No. 20 Henry street, on the 1st of May, while the latter was under the influence of liquor, was found guilty, and remanded for sentence.....The case of John Given charged with the murder of Officer Patrick Gilsbey, which was on the calendar for trial was postponed until Wednesday next, in the absence of witnesses.....The case of Ernest Moller, the intelligence office-keeper charged with kicking his messenger, Henry Moor, to death, which had also been set down for trial, was postponed until Monday next. Patrick Piggot, charged with manslaughter in having caused the death of Joseph Conway, on the 28th of February, was placed at the bar. It having been shown that the prisoner and deceased had always been good friends, and that the latter had come to his death by a fracture of the skull, caused by a fall on the sidewalk in a quarrel, the District Attorney accepted a plea of guilty of manslaughter in the fourth degree, and the prisoner was sent to State Prison for two years.....John Geary, of No. 548 Tenth avenue, was placed on trial charged with manslaughter in having caused the death of Michael Cavanagh on the night of the 8th April. It appeared that the parties met in the oyster saloon of Wm. G. Falst, at No. 360 Tenth avenue, and that deceased made some remark to prisoner about taking his money from him. They left the saloon, and were afterward seen standing on the sidewalk. It was subsequently ascertained that Cavanagh had been stabbed in the abdomen. He was removed to Bellevue Hospital, where he died on the 11th of April. Prisoner denied that he had stabbed deceased, who he said had attempted to rob him, and whose life was in self-defense. The evidences tended to show that the deceased was the aggressor, and the jury, without leaving their seats, acquitted Geary. The mother of the deceased, who was in court on hearing the verdict, burst into a storm of wrath, and launched forth in invectives against the court, prosecuting officers, and jurors. While being removed from the building she threatened to take the life of Geary.

THE OLD ARMORY IN ELM STREET.

While the County of New-York was paying a large amount in rents for armories, the old arsenal at the corner of Elm and White streets was allowed to remain in a dilapidated condition. The Board of Supervisors, however, ordered the necessary repairs to the building, and they were completed a few weeks ago. The work was done under the direction of the Committee on Armories, and the total cost was $10,969. Yesterday the committee, consisting of Messrs. McCafferty, Billings, and Alderman Comfort, proceeded to inspect the building. They were accompanied by Frederick Vance, Gen. Pinckney, the Clerk of the Common Council, and the contractors. After examining the various rooms the committee said they were highly pleased at the manner in which the work was performed, and the comparatively small amount of the contracts. It is probable that either the Ninety-sixth or the Fifth Regiment will be quartered in the building.

BANKRUPTCY DECISION.

In the case of C. Cadle, Jr., Receiver of the First National Bank of Selma, Ala., against Isaac B. Kirtland and others, plaintiff filed a bill in equity in the United States Circuit Court. The bill showed that in April, 1867, this bank became insolvent, and has remained in that condition since; that the defendants took its assets to the amount of $557 79, which plaintiff claims should have been turned over to him as Receiver, and the bill prays that defendants now hand over that amount to plaintiff. A demurrer to the bill was put in. Judge Blatchford sustained the demurrer on the ground that plaintiff sets out no grounds calling for equitable relief, it being a proceeding for the recovery of a mere sum of money.

ANOTHER SUIT AGAINST EX-COLLECTOR BAILEY.

The suit of Theodore M. Allen and others against Joshua T. Bailey, the cause of action in which arose some seven years ago, has been concluded before Judge Shipman, in the United States Circuit Court. It was an action for a distraint made by Bailey, as Collector of the Fourth District, on the property of the plaintiffs, in the year 1867, for taxes assessed on manufactured tobacco, amounting to $15,000. The distraint was made at the request of the Collector of the Fourth District of New-Jersey, where the assessment had been made. The question before the court was on the possibility of sustaining an action for trespass against Bailey for acts done in his official capacity. Decision was reserved.

CITY HALL NOTES.

Mayor Havemeyer has signed the Municipal ordinance providing that vault-covers shall have a rough surface, so as to prevent accidents. It ordains that all smooth covers shall be changed within the next six months. Marshall O. Roberts, John H. Strahan, and Controller Green called upon Mayor Havemeyer yesterday. It is said that the counsel engaged to furnish an opinion as to the Consolidation bill will present their views of the law to the Aldermen at their next meeting.

THE CALLENDER TRIAL.

The trial of Charles Callender, the Ex-Bank Examiner, was continued yesterday in the United States Circuit Court, before Judge Benedict. The only witness examined was Theodore M. Davis, the Receiver of the Ocean National Bank. His testimony, which was the same as that given by him on the former trial, went to show that the collateral securities given by Callender for the loans obtained by him of the bank were worthless, and intended only as a mere cloak to cover the bribe charged to have been taken by him.

MAKING LAWYERS USEFUL.

In Part IV. of the Marine Court, yesterday, Judge McAdam, finding causes on his calendar ready for trial, but no jury, sent out to the highways and hedges of the new Court-house and gathered in eight lawyers, whom he desired to act as jurors. The parties to the action assenting, the case went to trial before the eight jurors, and, contrary to all expectation, they agreed upon a verdict.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

NEW-YORK, Wednesday, May 20, 1874.

There was a brisk trade in Beeves at One Hundredth Street Yards on this forenoon. The quality of the Steers on hand was generally smooth, with a good top. Prices ranged from 11½c. @12¼c. ₱ lb.; weights from 6 to 8¼ cwt. The larger part of the sales were effected on 8¼ lbs. to the cwt. net. Milch Cows have been more easy since Monday last, and were quoted to-day from $45@$65 ₱ head, Calves included. The quality of the Veals on sale on this forenoon was such as to enable butchers to give a fair price; sales were freely effected from 9c. @9¾c. ₱ lb., with a few head at 10c. ₱ lb. Sheep were scarce and dull, and sold from 6½c. @7c. ₱ lb. Spring Lambs were brisk from 11c. @14c. ₱ lb.; quality generally good. Live Hogs were held on opening sales.

SALES.

At One Hundredth Street Yards T. Gilles sold for self 107 fair Illinois Steers at 11¾c. ₱ lb., weight 7 cwt., strong; 74 good Illinois Steers at 12c. ₱ lb., weight 7 cwt., Burchard & Merritt sold for J. Smith 61 good Iowa Steers from 12c.@12½c. ₱ lb., weight 8 cwt. Sigel & Moses sold for selves 37 Cherokee Steers, fed in Missouri, at 11c. ₱ lb., weight 6 cwt.; 145 fair Illinois Steers at 11¾c. ₱ lb., weights from 6½ cwt. to 7 cwt.; 77 good Missouri Steers at 12¼c. ₱ lb., weight 7 cwt.; 30 Ryan & Leary sold for selves 30 fair Illinois Steers at 11¾c. ₱ lb., weight 6¾ cwt. Eastman & Westchester sold for H. Hunter 98 fair Missouri Steers at 11c. ₱ lb., weight 7 cwt.; 150 Missouri Steers, from fair to good, from @12½c. ₱ lb., weight 7¾ cwt. strong; T. C. Eastman sold for self 80 Illinois Steers, from fair to good, from 11¾c.@12c. ₱ lb., weight 8 cwt.; 144 fair Illinois Steers from 11¾c.@12c. ₱ lb., weight 7¾ cwt.; 126 Illinois Steers, from fair to good, from 11¾c.@12¼c. ₱ lb., weight 6¾ cwt.; 135 fair Illinois Steers at 11¾c. ₱ lb., weight 6¾ cwt.; 90 generally good Illinois Steers from 11¾c.@12¼c. ₱ lb., weight 8¼ cwt. Also 22 Illinois State Lambs, average weight 99 lbs. ₱ head; at Forty-eighth Street Sheep Market, Hume & Elliott sold 58 fair Illinois Sheep at 6c. ₱ lb.; 200 Lambs, weight 2,710 lbs. at 11¾c. ₱ lb.; 38 weight 1,250 lbs. at 12c. ₱ lb.; 250 Lambs, 1,410 lbs., at 12¼c. ₱ lb.; 28 Lambs, weight Lambs at $3 ₱ head; 6 Lambs for $35 75; 35 at 6½c. ₱ lb. The foregoing lots were all quoted from Illinois. 5 Calves, weight 1,760 lbs., at 6c. ₱ lb.; 155 Veals, weight 20,160 lbs., at 8c. ₱ lb.; 141 Veals, weight 16,190 lbs., at 9¼c. ₱ lb.; 49 Sheep, weight 3,910 lbs. at 7½c. ₱ lb.; 54 Sheep, weight 3,970 lbs. at 7½c. ₱ lb.; 39 Cows and Calves, weight 29,280 lbs., at 7c. ₱ lb.; 39 Veals, weight 6,980 lbs., at 9c. ₱ lb.; 33 Sheep, since Monday 43 Milch Cows from $45@$65 ₱ head; several sales from $55@$65 ₱ head; sales at Fortieth Street Sheep Market.....There were no sales at 144 Ohio Hogs at Hunter Market.....T. H. Reid held choice Bacon Pigs to heavy fat Hogs.

RECEIPTS.

Gross arrivals at Weehawken Yards for week ending May 16, 1874, 2,916 head of horned Cattle, 4,901 Sheep, 105 Calves, 6,942 Hogs; 21 horse.

Gross arrivals at Forty-eighth Street Sheep Market for yesterday and to-day: 536 Sheep. 2 Cows, 498 Veals.

Fresh arrivals at Fortieth Street Hog Yards for yesterday and to-day: 3,904 Hogs.

There has been scarcely any changes in the values of Dressed Meats, since our last daily report. Beef, in Sides, 9c.@11c. ₱ lb.; Fore-quarters, 6c.@8c. ₱ lb.; in Hind-quarters, 11c.@12c. ₱ lb.; in Rumps, 14c.@16c. ₱ lb.; with small cuts, selected, at 18c. ₱ lb. Mutton, 8c.@11c. ₱ lb. Veal from 8c.@12c. ₱ lb. Lamb, 20@24c. ₱ lb. Spring Lambs, 30@34c. ₱ lb.

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.

SALES AT THE STOCK EXCHANGE—MAY 20.

SALES BEFORE THE CALL—10:30 A. M.

1500	Western Union	71¼	500	Pacific Mail	42¾
200	do.	71¼	1000	do.	42¾
200	do.	71¼	100	do.	42¾
400	do.	71¼	100	do.	42¾
300	do.	71¼	100	do.	42¾
1800	do.	71¼	100	Erie Railway	25
1000	do.	71¼	100	North-western	40¾
100	do.	70¾	300	do.	40¾
1000	do.	70¾	1500	Union Pacific	27
1400	do.	70¾	100	do.	27
500	Rock Island	96¾	300	do.	27
200	do.	96¾	500	do.	27
200	do.	96¾	1500	do.	27
300	N. Y. & Hud	97	300	do.	27
500	do.	97	300	do.	27
35	do.	97	300	do.	27
200	do.	97¼	200	do.	27
20	do.	97¼	200	do.	27
100	do.	97¼	200	Ohio & Miss	24
100	do.	97¼	100	do.	24
100	do.	97¼	200	St. Paul	32¾
600	do.	96¾	100	do.	32¾
700	do.	97	200	do.	32¾
700	Lake Shore	75¾	300	do.	32¾
300	do.	75¾	70	St. Paul Pf.	51
300	do.	75¾	100	do.	51
500	do.	75¾	700	Toledo & Wab.	38¾
600	do.	75¾	300	do.	38¾
400	do.	75¾	300	do.	38¾
200	do.	75¾	100	do.	38¾
400	do.	75¾	200	do.	38¾
100	do.	75¾	200	do.	38¾
600	do.	75¾	100	do.	38¾
100	do.	75¾	100	do.	38¾
100	do.	75¾	300	C., C. & Ind. Cen.	19¾

GOVERNMENT STOCKS—10:15 AND 11:30 A. M.

$25,000	U. S. 6s, '81, R.	12.119⅜	
4,000	U. S. 6s, '81, C.	12.121⅜	
15,000	U. S. 5-20 R., '67	119¾	
4,000	do. '67	12.119¾	
$10,000	U. S. 5-20 C., '65	119¼	
10,000	U. S. 5-20 C., '67	120¼	

FIRST BOARD—10:30 A. M.

$4,000	N.Y.S.6's, C.	109	500	Chi. & R. I. b. c.	96¼
4,000	N.Y.S.7's, R.R.	109	100	do.	96¼
5,000	Tenn. 6s, Old	83	100	do.	96¼
3,000	Tenn. 6s, New	83	100	do.	96¼
10,000	St.L.I.&C.1st	93	100	do.	96¼
10,000	C. & N.W. Con.	93	300	do.	96¼
	Comp. C. & St.	83	300	Tol. & Wab. b. c.	36¾
2,000	C., C. & I. 1st	83	300	do.	36¾
10,000	Cen. Pac. G. bs.	91¾	400	do.	36¾
5,000	Un. Pac. 1st.	91¼	400	do.	36¾
10,000	U. Pac. 1st	91¼	400	do.	36¾
5,000	C.A.F.Con.S.F.	97	300	U. Pac. b. s.	27
2,000	Pac.of Mo.1st.	79½	600	do.	27
1,000	Mor.&Es.1st.	103	200	do.	27
2,000	Mich.S.2d.	93½	300	do.	27¼
20	Del. & H. Canal	116	300	do.	27¼
100	Pac. Mail	42¾	1100	do.	27¼
100	do.	42¾	500	do.	27¼
100	do.	42¾	300	do.	27¼
100	do.	42¾	300	do.	27¼
100	do.	42¾	300

AMERICAN FISHERIES.

NEW-ENGLAND FISHING GROUNDS.

SERIOUS DECREASE IN THE FISH SUPPLY—ITS CAUSES AND THE MEASURES FOR RELIEF.

The coast, lake, and river fisheries of the United States are a subject of the greatest importance to the general interests of the country. They furnish a large proportion of our food supply, they contribute to the State and national revenues, and they provide profitable employment to great numbers of men and boys, besides serving as a stimulus to ship-building, as well as providing an admirable school for the training of seamen for the merchant and naval services of the country. These remarks are especially applicable to the coast fisheries, which from every point of view are of the first importance. It has for several years been an admitted fact that the supply of fish along our coast, which formerly greatly exceeded the demand, now to a certain extent and in particular localities has failed, and the impression has arisen that the fish themselves are diminishing, and that in time, some kinds, at least, will be exterminated. A subject of such serious interest as this has naturally called forth much attention, and, as a matter of course, especially in those districts where the decrease in the fish supply is known to exist.

The southern coasts of New-England have hitherto been, and are now, among the most fertile fisheries of the country, and it was here that the diminution in this great source of industry was first discovered. Official notice of the fact was first taken by the Legislatures of Massachusetts and Rhode Island in 1869 and 1870, these States being both especially interested, as the greatest depreciation was alleged to have occurred on their southern border. Petitions were presented giving as the cause of the decreased supply the multiplication of "traps" and "pounds," which captured fish of all kinds in great numbers, and, as was supposed, in greater quantity than the natural fecundity of the fish could make good year by year, especially in view of the fact that these catches were made during the spawning season, thereby destroying many of the most fertile fish, and preventing others from depositing their eggs. The petitions to both Legislatures asked that a law be passed prohibiting the use of fixed apparatus for capturing fish. The Massachusetts special committee, after hearing the evidence of the petitioners, decided that there was no reasonable ground for the complaint, and that any action on the part of the State was inexpedient. The Rhode Island committee, after giving much greater attention to the subject, arrived at a very different conclusion. They decided that the prayer of their petitioners was well founded, and reported in favor of a very stringent law prohibiting the use of "traps" or "pounds" excepting within a limited district. In view of this conflict of opinion it was thought desirable that the whole matter should be investigated by some scientific officer of the National Government. As the alleged diminution of the fisheries was in tidal and navigable waters of the United States, it was maintained that the State Governments had no control, and that the Federal Government alone could insure a successful investigation into the subject. Therefore on the 9th of February, 1871, a bill was passed in Congress authorizing the President to appoint a Commissioner of Fish and Fisheries from among the civil officers of the Government, to serve without additional salary. This Commissioner's duty was to ascertain what the diminution in the fish supply really was, to what causes the same was due, and to advise and suggest the measures necessary in the premises. The position of Commissioner was tendered by the President to Mr. Spencer F. Baird, by whom it was accepted.

THE DECREASE OF THE NEW-ENGLAND FISHERIES.

That the investigation undertaken by Mr. Baird was one of unusual labor, and one requiring uncommon scientific knowledge and industry, is plainly apparent by the gentleman's full and exhaustive report presented to Congress. Mr. Baird devoted his time and study exclusively to the fisheries of the south coast of New-England, while another gentleman of scientific training and ability proceeded to Lake Michigan to investigate the condition of the lake fisheries. Mr. Baird established his head-quarters at Wood's Hole, a village on the coast about eighteen miles from New-Bedford, and directly opposite Vineyard Haven, from whence he could easily reach all the points on the adjacent coast most likely to furnish pertinent information. The differences of opinion between Massachusetts and Rhode Island, already referred to, made it necessary for the Commissioner to go deeper into the subject than had hitherto been thought expedient. It was found essential to study the natural history of the fishes and their associates in the sea. Books already published on this subject were found to be comparatively valueless, and the evidence of fishermen and others, whose judgment ought to have been reliable, was contradictory and useless. Mr. Baird, therefore, with the assistance of Prof. Theodore Gill, drew up a systematic plan of inquiry, which contained eighty-eight queries in reference to the local names of each kind of fish, its geographical distribution, its abundance at different periods of the year and in different seasons, its size, its migrations and movements, its relationship to its fellows or to other species, its food, and its peculiarities of reproduction. In order to insure them a wide circulation, these questions were printed and distributed throughout the fisheries of the entire New-England coast.

It was next found that the history of the fishes themselves would be incomplete without a thorough knowledge of their associates in the sea, especially such as prey upon them, or, in turn, constitute their food. Searching inquiries were therefore prosecuted on these points, as it had been stated that one cause of the diminution of the fishes was the decrease of the objects upon which they subsisted. Furthermore it was thought probable that the peculiarities in the temperature of the water at different depths, its chemical constitution and currents, might bear an important part of the general influences upon the fisheries, so that the inquiry eventually resolved itself into an investigation of the chemical and physical character of the water and the natural history of its inhabitants, whether animal or vegetable. Mr. S. J. Smith and Prof. A. E. Verrill, of Yale College, joined Mr. Baird at Wood's Hole, and conducted the investigation into the invertebrate fauna of the waters. In addition to the scientific inquiries made, the Commissioner secured important testimony from nearly all the leading fishermen, both line-men and trappers, as well as the dealers in fish engaged in supplying the markets of New-York and Boston. So great was the interest felt in the subject of this investigation that during Mr. Baird's sojourn at Wood's Hole he was visited by many of the ablest scientists of the day, among whom may be mentioned the late Prof. Agassiz, Profs. T. W. P. Jenks, Todd Gwyn Jeffries, of England, C. C. Thompson, and others, all of whom contributed their experience and learning to the work of the commission.

The investigations had particular reference to the south side of New-England, and especially to that portion of it extending from Point Judith on the west to Monomy Point on the east, including Narragansett Bay, Vineyard Sound, Buzzard's Bay, Martha's Vineyard, and Nantucket. The very first statement made by Mr. Baird as one of the results of this investigation was that he had no hesitation in announcing that the fact of an alarming decrease of the shore fisheries had been thoroughly established by his own investigations, as well as by the evidence of those whose testimony was taken upon the subject. A few years ago this region was the scene of the most important Summer fishing on our coast, the number of southern or deep-sea species resorting to its shoal bays and inlets to deposit their eggs being almost incredible. The most important of the fishes found here were the scup, the tautog or black fish, the striped bass, and the sea bass, in addition to which there were species of less importance, such as the sheep's head, the king-fish, the weak-fish, and many others. The appearance of these fish upon the shore was very regular, varying only, year by year, with special conditions of temperature and oceanic currents. The mackerel, the blue fish, the Spanish mackerel, the bonito, &c., were also to be found on these coasts, but not with any regularity. Now, it has been proved that there has been an enormous diminution in the number of all these fish. The evidence of fishermen and others goes to show that the decrease has continued in an alarmingly rapid ratio during the last fifteen or twenty years, and the personal inquiry of Mr. Baird proves that localities in Vineyard Sound where, nine years ago, an abundance of scup, tautog, sea-bass, &c., could be caught, do not now yield one-tenth part of the weight of fish in the same time and at the same season. One of the results of this depreciation in the supply of such an important article of food will be best given by the following quotation from the report of the Rhode Island Legislative Committee: "One very intelligent man thought it made a difference of $100 in the cost of living to those persons living on the shore and in small towns on the bay, and from his own experience he had no doubt that there are 1,000 persons living near the shore to whom it made this difference, amounting to a loss to them of $100,000 each year." Equally significant facts are to be found among the latest personal inquiries made by Mr. Baird, and embodied in his report. It appears that, with the exception of the scup, fishes of all kinds in Vineyard Sound and Buzzard's Bay were as much scarcer in 1872, compared with 1871, as they had been in that year compared with the preceding one. The testimony everywhere, with scarcely an exception, both from the line-men and trappers, was that the whole business of fishing was pretty nearly at an end, and that it would scarcely pay parties to attempt to continue the work on a large scale in 1873. At Menemsha the pounds, with the exception of those of one firm, hardly made their expenses. At Nantucket most of the fishermen estimated the decrease at from one-half to three-fourths, compared with the previous year. At Edgartown and Hyannis the testimony was absolutely unanimous as to the fact of a woful diminution and the doubtful future of the entire fishery interest. At Newport, Wood's Hole, and other places a general scarcity of fish was noticed, and blue fish were found to have decreased in alarming numbers, substantiating the opinion that they have been rapidly diminishing for many years past.

CAUSES OF THE DECREASE.

Many people believe that the fish supply of the sea is practically inexhaustible, and that scarcity at any particular location is to be referred to the movements of the fish in changing their feeding grounds, or in following the migration of the smaller fish on which they prey. Though this may be partly true, yet no locality near the shores of New-England has been found where the fish are as plentiful as they were ten years ago, and, as Mr. Baird very pertinently puts it, if the scarcity of fish be due to their going off into the deep waters of the ocean, it is of very little moment to the fisherman that they are as abundant in the sea as ever, if they do not come upon such grounds as will allow him to catch them. The present scarcity of fish is not proved from the fact that fewer are caught now than formerly, on the contrary it is believed that by means of the improved methods of capture in the way of pounds and nets, supplies are taken out at certain seasons so great as to frequently glut the market. The scarcity is shown by the great difficulties experienced by line fishermen in securing a proper supply, of fish throughout the year on grounds where formerly they were able to catch all they needed for their own use and for sale.

Among the causes given for the decrease of the fisheries by unscientific persons were the disappearance of the food upon which the fish subsisted, epidemic diseases, destruction by other fishes, and the agency of man, this being manifested either in the pollution of the water by the discharge into it of the refuse of manufactories, &c., or by overfishing and the use of improper apparatus. The first reason, the absence of food, was entirely dissipated by the labors of Messrs. Verrill and Smith, who proved that so far from there being any scarcity of invertebrate life in the waters, its actual amount was such as to astonish all the scientific men engaged in the investigation. The second cause, epidemic disease, was found to be worth very little attention, and to have no material effect upon the general abundance of the fish on these shores. The next cause, the ravages of predacious fishes, was shown to be one of very serious interest. The blue fish was found to be the principal destructive agent, and its voracity is spoken of as enormous. Wherever it appeared in large numbers it was sure to produce a marked effect upon the supply of other fishes, either by driving them away from their accustomed haunts or by destroying them in large quantities. In fact, the blue fish seems to live only to destroy. No other sea-coast than that of the Atlantic border of the United States can show such a destructive scourge as this fish, occurring in such great numbers and of so large a size and so massive a frame. To the blue fish Mr. Baird assigns the very first position among the injurious influences that have affected the supply of fishes on the coast. The last cause, human agencies, was considered from several different points of view. The question of the pollution of the water by poisonous agencies, such as the discharge from gas works, chemical substances, &c., was found to be of little moment in their inquiry. These causes apply essentially to river fisheries, but they exercise little or no influence in regard to fishes of the sea. The most important question proved to be that of improper or excessive fishing.

The capture of sea fishes by man is usually prosecuted either by the hook and line or by means of nets or weirs. Nets for the capture of fish may be either movable or fixed. The apparatus for capture by fixed net have various names and modes of operation—as "traps," "pounds," "weirs," "fykes," &c. The trap is an apparatus peculiar to Narragansett Bay, and consists of an oblong inclosure of netting on three sides, and at the bottom anchored securely by the side of a channel. Into this the fish enter, and the bottom of the net being lifted to the surface at the open end, the fish are penned in and driven into a lateral inclosure, where they are kept until needed. The pounds and weirs are adapted not only for taking, but many of them for retaining the fish until it is convenient to remove them, needing no watching to prevent their escape. The New-England pound consists of a fence of netting extending from the shore, and nearly perpendicular to it, for a distance of 50 or 100 fathoms or more, as the circumstances may require. The outer end of this straight fence is carried into a heart-shaped fence of netting, the apex of which is connected with a circular "bowl" of net-work, the bottom of which lies along the bottom of the ground at a depth of twenty to thirty feet. The "weirs" differ from the pounds principally in being constructed wholly or in part of brush, or narrow boards, with or without netting. The pounds and weirs have proved to be the most successful means of capturing fish ever known. They act without the agency of the owners, who can remain on shore during stormy weather assured that the very disturbance of the sea will conduce to the greater extent of the catch. No less than 20,000 blue fish, representing a weight of 100,000 pounds, have been taken in one weir in the course of a single night. It is noteworthy that the greater portion of the edible fish taken in the first part of the New-England fishing season consists of those species which chiefly constitute the great Summer catch with the line, and which are known to find their spawning ground along this coast. These fish are still taken in great numbers by the pounds and traps, and consist in great proportion of adult males and females rife with milt and spawn. We can, therefore, easily understand how a most injurious influence may be exercised upon the fisheries by the capture of so large a number under such circumstances. It is universally believed that every fish returns as nearly as possible to its own birthplace to exercise the function of reproduction, and continues to do so year by year, during the whole period of its existence, and also that a great variety of fish pass from their spawning-grounds to the sea by the shortest route that will take them out into the deeper waters, where they spend the Winter, and that coming and going they follow a definite line of migration. Remembering this, we will better understand what takes place when fish are disturbed or caught up during the breeding season. Should nets be set along their line of travel before they have spawned, and should an appreciable proportion of them be caught before the eggs have been laid and fertilized, it is very easy to see why the stock should rapidly diminish. As most fish require from three to five years' growth before they are capable of reproduction, and usually remain in the open sea until that period is reached, the effects of an exhaustive fishery in a particular locality may not be immediately seen, as there will be successive crops of fish to come on at annual intervals. But five or, ten years overfishing will exhaust a local fishery, and a fishing-ground being exhausted is little likely to be ever valuable again. Line-fishing, however, extensively prosecuted will never materially affect the supply of the fish in the sea. As a rule fish, when engaged in the function of reproduction, will not take the hook. It would therefore be no evil should every fully grown fish of three to five years old and upward be caught after the close of the spawning season in the course of one fishing season, since the following and each successive year we may look for a new generation coming in from the sea to exercise the function of reproduction. But the case is entirely different when these fish are caught before they spawn, as they are by traps and pounds, and is precisely equivalent to killing off all the mature hens in a farm-yard before they have laid their eggs, and then expecting to have the stock continued indefinitely.

The distinctive power of the blue fish and the evil results of excessive and improper fishing have been shown separately. The combined action of these distinctive agents is the real cause of the alarming delay of the shore fisheries. What one agent spares the other destroys, and it may be readily seen that while both are allowed the freedom they now possess, extermination of the most valuable of our coast fisheries is not very far distant. There are also immense numbers of small species of fish, such as the friar or atherina, and others, which feed almost exclusively upon the spawn and young of fish. These are not affected by any modes of fishing, but are more abundant than ever, and are known to congregate in enormous numbers upon the spawning beds of all the edible fishes.

HOW TO STOP THE DECREASE.

There are no measures known for destroying the blue fish, nor would such be desirable, seeing that they are one of the most valuable articles of food. The alternative, therefore, is to regulate the actions of pounds, traps, &c., so as to prevent the destruction of fish during the spawning season. The absolute abolition of traps and pounds would be too severe a measure, and, in Mr. Baird's opinion, their proper regulation will answer the purpose of restoring the fish supply, although a great many years will be required. Such regulation should consist either in prohibiting the use of traps or pounds during the entire season of the spawning of the fish, or for a certain number of days in each week during that season. As the principal profit of the pounds is derived from the catch of fish during the spawning season, it would probably be sufficient to try the experiment of prohibition of the use of nets from Friday night until Monday morning of each week of the spawning season, and after that it is thought that no restriction need be imposed. Mr. Baird further suggests that the regulation for a close time during each week should be passed by the several States, and if this cannot be effected, then the General Government should enact absolute prohibition, or at least during the spawning season, as it possesses no officers who could exercise the supervision required to enforce the partial closure, or before whom complaints could be entered and the penalty exacted. [No vested right or interest will suffer by the experiment of regulating the period of their use, as it has been shown that a better price will be obtained from a smaller number of fish, by preventing the glutting of the market, and the consequent waste of so perishable an article as fresh fish. After having concluded his investigation, Mr. Baird drafted a bill for the consideration of the several Legislatures of Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, and New-York. In this he proposes the plan of licensing the pounds, which he thinks ought to be acceptable to the owners, as it would give them security against competitors such as they do not now possess. Penalties should be attached for fishing without licenses, and power given to the States to punish offenders in this respect. In the event of the refusal of the States to establish such a law, Mr. Baird recommends the passage by the United States of a law absolutely prohibiting, until further notice, the erection of fixed apparatus for taking fish, after a period of one or two years, on the south side of New-England and the shores of Long Island, which constitute the spawning grounds of the shore fishes. This would restore the fish to their original abundance, and in the meantime would occasion no material decrease in the supply, or any rise in the price of fish to the consumer.

PROPOSALS.

PROPOSALS FOR FUEL.

HEAD-QUARTERS MARINE CORPS, QUARTERMASTER'S OFFICE, WASHINGTON, May 4, 1874.

Sealed proposals will be received at this office until 12 o'clock M. of FRIDAY, the 12th day of June next, for supplying Wood and Coal to the United States Marines at one or more of the following places during the fiscal year ending 30th June, 1875.

The Wood to be merchantable oak, and to be delivered, piled, measured, and inspected at such points within the limits of the Marine Barracks as may be designated by the commanding Marine Officer, free of expense to the United States.

The Coal to be good white ash anthracite egg Coal, free from dirt, and to weigh 2,240 pounds to the ton, to be inspected by the commanding Marine Officer, and delivered at such points within the limits of the Marine Barracks as may be designated by the said Officer, free of expense to the United States; and both Wood and Coal to be furnished upon the monthly or quarterly requisition of the commanding officer, showing the quantities required in accordance with the regulations, viz.: At

PORTSMOUTH, N. H.

100 tons of Coal.
80 cords of Wood.

CHARLESTOWN, MASS.

125 tons of Coal.
80 cords of Wood.

BROOKLYN, N. Y.

(Including Assistant Quartermaster's Office.)

200 tons of Coal.
100 cords of Wood.

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

(Including Assistant Quartermaster's Office.)

100 tons of Coal.
240 cords of Wood.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

(Including Guard at Naval Magazine.)

160 tons of Coal.
300 cords of Wood.

ANNAPOLIS, MD.

80 cords of Wood.

GOSPORT, VA.

50 tons of Coal.
80 cords of Wood.

PENSACOLA, FLA.

80 cords of Wood.

MARE ISLAND, CAL.

105 tons of Coal.
80 cords of Wood.

(With the privilege of increasing the quantity one-third.)

The Wood and Coal furnished at Washington City to be measured, weighed, and certified by the Government Inspector appointed by the Navy Department, and the expense attending such inspection, &c., paid by the contractor.

Blank forms of proposals can be obtained upon application at any of the marine posts.

Payments will be made upon the receipt of accounts duly authenticated by the commanding officers of the posts at which the Wood or Coal has been delivered. The right is reserved to reject all bids considered unreasonable.

A guarantee, to be signed by two responsible persons, whose responsibility must be certified to by the United States District Attorney, or United States Collector, must accompany each proposal, otherwise it will not be considered.

To be indorsed "Proposals for Fuel," and addressed to the undersigned.

WILLIAM B. SLACK,
Major and Quartermaster United States Marine Corps.

PROPOSALS FOR RATIONS.

HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS, QUARTERMASTER'S OFFICE, April 28, 1874.

Sealed proposals will be received at this office until 12 o'clock M., of THURSDAY, the 4th day of June next, for furnishing rations to the United States Marines at the following stations from the 1st July, 1874, to the 30th June, 1875:

PORTSMOUTH, New Hampshire.
CHARLESTOWN, Massachusetts.
BROOKLYN, New-York.
PHILADELPHIA, Pennsylvania.
WASHINGTON CITY, District of Columbia.
GOSPORT, near Norfolk, Virginia.
PENSACOLA, Florida.
ANNAPOLIS, Maryland.
MARE ISLAND, California.

Each ration to consist of twelve ounces of Pork or Bacon, or one pound and four ounces of Salt or Fresh Beef; eighteen ounces of soft Bread or Flour, or twelve ounces of Hard Bread, or one pound and four ounces of Corn Meal; and to every one hundred rations fifteen pounds of Beans or Peas, or ten pounds of Rice or Hominy, ten pounds of Green Coffee, or eight pounds Roasted (or roasted and ground) Coffee, or one pound and eight ounces of Tea; fifteen pounds of Sugar; four quarts of Vinegar; one pound and four ounces of Adamantine or Star Candles; four pounds of Soap; three pounds and twelve ounces of Salt, and four ounces of Pepper.

The rations are to be delivered upon the order of the commanding officer of each station, the Fresh Beef, either in bulk or by the single ration, of good quality, with an equal proportion of hind and fore quarters, necks and shanks allowed; the Pork, No. 1, Mess Pork; the Flour known as extra superfine in the market of the place where the station is located; the Coffee, Sugar, and the Sugar-house Molasses or its equivalent, and the Beans, Vinegar, Candles, Soap, Salt, &c., to be of good quality.

All subject to inspection.

A guarantee, signed by two persons, whose responsibility must be certified by a United States District Judge, District Attorney, or Collector, must accompany each proposal.

No proposal will be considered unless accompanied by such guarantee. Blank forms of proposal can be obtained upon application at any of the marine stations.

Newspapers authorized to publish the above, will send the paper containing the first insertion to this office for examination.

Proposals to be indorsed "Proposals for Rations," and addressed to the undersigned.

WILLIAM B. SLACK,
Major and Quartermaster, United States Marine Corps.

OFFICE OF THE SAILORS' SNUG HARBOR, 81 WALL ST., NEW-YORK, May 18, 1874.

SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED until the first day of June next, for the furnishing of five hundred thousand brick on the harbor dock on Staten Island. All to be of the best quality Common North River. No arches, pale, or washed brick will be received.

Samples may be seen at the Governor's office on Staten Island, and for further particulars apply to RICHARD P. SMITH, Builder, Port Richmond, Staten Island.

The Trustees reserve the right to reject any or all bids which shall not be deemed for the interest of the institution.

Proposals must be inclosed in a sealed envelope, indorsed bids for brick, and addressed to

THOMAS GRENNELEAF, Controller,
No. 74 Wall st., New-York.

TO CONTRACTORS.

Proposals will be received by the Water Commissioners of the town of Brookline, Mass., up to 5 P. M. on MONDAY, June 1, for building a reservoir of 6,000,000 gallons capacity; also a conduit some 3,800 feet in length, and a filtering gallery. Address

CHAS. H. DREW, Chairman,
Brookline, Mass.

For specifications apply to R. S. PHILBRICK, Civil Engineer, No. 12 West st., Boston, Mass.

PROPOSALS.

SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED at the office of the Clerk of the Board of Education, corner of Grand and Elm sts., (and nowhere else,) until THURSDAY, May 28, 1874, at 4 o'clock P. M., for supplying the coal and wood required for the public schools in this City, including that portion of Westchester County recently annexed thereto, for the ensuing year—say nine thousand (9,000) tons of coal, more or less, and two thousand five hundred (2,500) cords of oak, and one thousand (1,000) cords of pine wood, more or less. The coal must be of the best quality of white ash, furnace, egg, stove, and nut sizes, in good order; two thousand two hundred and forty (2,240) pounds to the ton, and must be delivered in the bins of the several school buildings at such times and in such quantities as required by the Committee on Supplies.

The proposals must state the mines from which it is proposed to supply the coal (to be furnished from the mines named, if accepted,) and must state the price per ton of two thousand two hundred and forty (2,240) pounds.

The quantity of the various sizes of coal required will be about as follows, viz.: Seven thousand (7,000) tons of furnace size, one thousand (1,000) tons of stove size, five hundred and fifty (550) tons of egg size, and four hundred and fifty (450) tons of nutlet. The oak wood must be of the best quality, thoroughly dry, not less than three (3) feet, six (6) inches long. The proposal must state the price per cord of one hundred and twenty-eight cubic feet, solid measure, for both oak and pine wood, and also the price per cut for sawing and splitting the same. The quality of oak wood to be split only as required by the Committee on Supplies. The wood will be inspected and measured under the supervision of the Inspector of Fuel of the Board of Education, and must be delivered at the schools as follows: Two-thirds of the quantity required from the 15th of July to the 15th of September, and the remainder as required by the Committee on Supplies; said wood to be of oak and pine, must be delivered sawed, and, when required, split, and must be piled in the yards, cellars, vaults, or bins of the school buildings as may be designated by the proper authority. The contracts for supplying said coal and wood to be binding until the 1st day of June, 1875. Two sureties for the faithful performance of the contract will be required, and each proposal must be accompanied by the signatures and residences of the proposed sureties. No compensation will be allowed for delivering said coal and wood at any of the schools, nor putting and piling the same in the yards, cellars, vaults, or bins of said schools.

Proposals must be directed to the Committee on Supplies of the Board of Education, and should be indorsed "Proposals for Coal," or "Proposals for Wood," as the case may be.

The committee reserve the right to reject any or all proposals received.

RUFUS G. BRAINERD,
ANDREW J. MATHEWSON, Committee
JAMES M. HALSTED, on
DAVID WHITE, Supplies.
ROBERT HOE,

NEW-YORK, May 12, 1874.

PROPOSALS FOR WROUGHT AND CAST IRON WORK FOR THE UNITED STATES COURT-HOUSE AND POST OFFICE, NEW-YORK CITY.

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, May 16, 1874.

Sealed proposals will be received at the office of the Superintendent until 12 M. of the 15th day of June, 1874, for furnishing, delivering, fitting, and putting in place the wrought and cast-iron work of the staircases, of the skirtings, of the railing and fascia to mezzanine floor, of the Post Office screen, of the casings, &c., to corridors of first floor, of the ventilator on roof of court-yard, of the entrance doors, and the illuminated tiling to floors, roof, and sidewalks—all as exhibited on the plans and maps, described in the specifications, and called for in the schedule.

Copies of the drawings, specifications, and schedule may be had on application at this office.

All persons desiring to bid for the contracts to put the work in place will be furnished by the Government, free of charge, but will be erected by the contractors.

Proposals will be made for the whole work complete, and for each combined elevator and stair complete.

The elevators or Divisions I. and II. must be completed within three months from date of acceptance of proposal, and the combined elevators and stairs within six months from same date.

The contractors will be required to guarantee their work for a period of two years.

Payments will be made for each elevator on its completion, less ten (10) per cent., which will be retained until the elevators have been satisfactorily tested for the period of six months.

All bids must be accompanied by a penal bond, in the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars, (25,000,) that the bidder will accept and perform the contract if awarded him, the sufficiency of the security to be certified by the United States Judge, Clerk of the United States Court, or the District Attorney of the district wherein he resides.

The department reserves the right to reject any or all bids if it be deemed for the interest of the Government to do so, or to award each division to a different bidder, at its option. Any bid that is not made on the printed form to be obtained at this office, and does not conform to the requirements of this advertisement, will not be considered; neither will any proposals be received from parties who are not engaged in the manufacture of elevators.

Proposals will be inclosed in a sealed envelope, indorsed "Bids for Elevators, &c.," and addressed to

C. T. HULBURD,
Superintendent.

PROPOSALS FOR ELEVATORS AND COMBINED ELEVATORS AND STAIRS FOR THE UNITED STATES COURT-HOUSE AND POST OFFICE, NEW-YORK CITY.

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, May 4, 1874.

Sealed proposals will be received at the office of the Superintendent, until 12 M. of the 15th day of June, 1874, for furnishing, delivering, fitting, and putting in place the elevators and combined elevators and stairs of corner pavilion—as exhibited on the drawings, described in the specifications, or called for in the schedule.

Copies of the drawings, specifications, and schedule may be had on application at this office.

All scaffolding required by the contractors to put the work in place will be furnished by the Government free of charge, but will be erected by the contractors.

Proposals will be made for the elevator complete, and for each combined elevator and stair complete.

The elevators or Divisions I. and II. must be completed within three months from date of acceptance of proposal, and the combined elevators and stairs within six months from same date.

The contractors will be required to guarantee their work for a period of two years.

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C. T. HULBURD, Superintendent.

SEALED PROPOSALS

Will be received by the School Trustees of the Sixteenth Ward, at the Hall of the Board of Education, corner of Grand and Elm sts., until Tuesday, the 2d day of June, 1874, and until 4 o'clock P. M. on said day, for repairing and altering Grammar School-house No. 45, on West 24th st., near 8th av.

Proposals must state the estimate for each branch of the work separately, and be indorsed "Proposal for Mason Work," "Proposal for Carpenter Work," "Proposal for Painting," "Proposal for Heating," "Proposal for Furniture."

Plans and specifications may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of School Buildings, No. 146 Grand st., third floor.

Two responsible and approved sureties, residents of this City, will be required from each successful bidder. Proposals will not be considered unless sureties are named.

The name of the party or firm submitting a proposal must be indorsed on the outside of the envelope containing said proposal.

The Trustees reserve the right to reject any or all of the proposals submitted.

MATTHEW BIRD,
JAMES HARRISON,
JOHN CASTREE,
OSCAR ZOLLIKOFFER,
JOHN DELAMATER,
Board of School Trustees, Sixteenth Ward.

Dated NEW-YORK, May 18, 1874.

NOTICE TO MANUFACTURERS OF DREDGING MACHINES.

Sealed proposals will be received by the Board of State Harbor Commissioners at their office, No. 14 Montgomery st., San Francisco, Cal., until 2 o'clock P. M., MONDAY, June 15, 1874, for furnishing the necessary machinery (iron work) for a first-class dredging machine of the most approved construction. The said dredging machine to be capable of excavating one hundred and fifty (150) cubic yards of mud per hour, and loading the same into floating scows or lighters. Detailed descriptions of the machinery and appurtenances, and certificates of working capacity, based upon actual trial, must accompany each proposal.

Bidders will state the time within which the machinery can be delivered in San Francisco, and the price of the same in United States gold and silver coin.

The board reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

SAMUEL SOULE,
T. D. MATHEWSON,
D. C. MCGLER,
State Harbor Commissioners.

J. A. MCCLELLAND, Secretary.

SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED BY the School Trustees of the Seventh Ward, at the Hall of the Board of Education, corner of Grand and Elm streets, until MONDAY, the 1st day of June, 1874, and until 4 o'clock P. M., on said day, for enlarging and altering Grammar School House No. 9, on Henry street, near Pike-street.

Proposals must state the estimate for each branch of the work separately, and be indorsed "Proposal for Mason Work," "Proposal for Carpenter Work," "Proposal for Painting," "Proposal for Heating," "Proposal for Furniture."

Plans and specifications may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of School Buildings, No. 146 Grand street, third floor.

Two responsible and approved sureties, residents of this City, will be required from the successful bidder. Proposals will not be considered unless sureties are named.

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DAVID HAYS,
JOHN H. BOSCHEN,
GEORGE A. HALLOCK,
JAMES W. MCBARRON,
LAWRENCE G. GOLDING,
Board of School Trustees, Seventh Ward.

Dated NEW-YORK, May 16, 1874.

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And every alternate SATURDAY thereafter, calling at Kingston, Jamaica, and connecting with all steamers for Central American and South Pacific ports.

Extra steamers for freight and way passengers will be dispatched on intervening Saturdays as necessity may require.

Steamers leave San Francisco for Japan and China, as follows:

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GRANADA.....May 16
COLORADO.....May 30

and every fortnight thereafter.

Steamers leave China, and Japan for San Francisco and New-York as follows:

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From Hong Kong...May 27 | From Yokohama...June 3

Tea will be brought from San Francisco to New-York first, in twenty-eight days, at $40, gold, per ton of 2,000 pounds.

For freight and passage, or further information, apply at company's office, on wharf foot Canal st., New-York.

R. H. BULLAY, Superintendent.

RUFUS HATCH,
Vice President and Managing Director.

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With the view of diminishing the chances of collision, the steamers of this line take a specified course for all seasons of the year.

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Abyssinia, Wed'y,	May 20	Parthia, Saturday,	June 6
Atlas, Saturday,	May 23	Scotia, Wed'day,	June 10
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China, Saturday,	May 30	Cuba, Wednesday,	June 17
Calabria, Wed'day,	June 3	Batavia, Saturday,	June 20

And every following WEDNESDAY and SATURDAY from New-York.

Steamers marked thus ' do not carry steerage passengers.

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